

of few employees left from old Game and Fish Department.

**December 19**, Springfield, Lamplighter Motel: Commission creates a new exhibits position in Information. Bledsoe, who had been handling the job in addition to radio/TV, had a heart attack.

**1968 Summary:** Charles Ted Shanks dies; Allen Brohn is Game chief. Paul Q. Tulenko dies.

Striped bass introduced into Lake Ozarks.

Department has 30 upland areas, 67 lakes built, 43 accesses. Acquisitions: Ella Ewing Lake, Bonanza, Wayne Helton areas.

**Conservationist** circulation 179,000.

1968 gun deer season: split, 82 any-deer counties and 32 bucks-only counties, Nov. 16-19 and bucks-only statewide Nov. 30-Dec. 7. All deer to be checked. Archery season: statewide, Oct. 1-Dec. 31.

1968 produced record kill of 559 deer by 15,510 archers.

Turkey season: April 24-28; add Barry, Camden, Osage counties. (Shortening season is a public relations gesture because of lower production last year.)

## 1969

**January 28**, Jefferson City: DeLaney absent. Senator Tom **Eagleton** expressed desire to write article for the **Conservationist** on gun control, which was a hot topic in Congress at this time. Commission, chary of politicians using magazine as a forum, decides to invite the two senators and ten representatives to write brief position statements on gun control for the magazine.

University of Missouri continues to want 50-year lease, Commission 100 years, for research building site.

Joel M. Vance hired as writer, effective April 1.

Quail biologist Jack Stanford named Wildlife Conservationist of the Year by National Wildlife Federation.

**February 24**, St. Louis, Colony Motor Hotel: University of Missouri finally agrees to sell research building site to Department at essentially no cost, but with reversionary clause.

Commission orders conservation agents and Field Service agents into state-owned vehicles (to be gradually phased in.)

**March 20**, Kansas City, Phillips Hotel: DeLaney absent. Cost of living continues rising. Commission orders five percent salary increase effective July 1.

Extension Trapper Robert H. Smith wins American Motors Conservation Award.

Senator **Eagleton** decides not to write gun control article.

**May 14**, Branson, People's Bank and Trust Co.: Commission presents 35-year service awards to Vernon Bennett, Guy Berry, M. K. Chapman, Cleval Corey, A. G. Morris (all hold-overs from old Game and Fish Department). Okays an Urban Fishing Program for St. Louis—a first in the nation.

June 25, Jefferson City: ACI awards: three second places in photography, special program on In-Service Training, overall Information program; third place in exhibits and radio.

Blind Pony to open Oct. 1, with 15-inch length limit on bass.

Nodaway and Little Prairie lakes to open Aug. 15, with 12-inch length limit on bass.

Ella Ewing Lake to open Oct. 1.

Commission approves low bid of \$446,514 for research building construction.

Legislature balking at Department salary requests.

Commission approves new posts of visual aids supervisor and publications supervisor in Information.

Hires consulting firm to study Charity Lake dam for safety. (Lake was built by local people in 1966 to be only 3-5 acres; enthusiasm carried them away and they built dam to hold 35 acres. New interstate highway and other proposed construction below dam prompts safety concerns. Firm recommends that it not be filled completely.)

Larry Gale promoted to associate director, Allen Brohn promoted from Wildlife Division chief to assistant director-line. **Dunbar** Robb promoted to Wildlife Division chief.

Director **Noren** asks Commission to reduce his salary from \$24,500 to \$23,000 effective July 1, so as to be more in line with other department heads' salaries. Reluctantly concurred.

**July 15**, Jefferson City: New officers are Stark chairman, Blair vice-chairman, Linville secretary, DeLaney member.



*The Department celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary in 1962.*



*Another distinctive Department sign takes shape in 1965.*



*A training building was constructed at the headquarters complex in 1968.*



*Canada geese took to tubs like ducks take to water after this tub, upper left, was installed in 1966. Left, Charles Suppes (on truck) and Eldred Gallagher (at rear) load fish. The trout fishery at Lake Taneycomo resulted in lunkers like this one taken in 1969, above.*

Religious group asks to hold non-denominational services at Montrose; Commission denies permission for legal reasons.

Scenic rivers issue continues to occupy Commission.

Legislature reduces appropriation for Department salaries by \$214,000.

**August 18**, Jefferson City: Leopold-Fox-Callison to meet here Sept. 3-4 for final review of their study report; staff has already reviewed it.

Mike Milonski promoted to assistant chief Wildlife Division.

Dean A. Murphy promoted to superintendent of Game.

**September 23**, Jefferson City: Paul G. Brooks recommended as Protection Division chief when Vernon Bennett retires Feb. 28, 1970.

Inflation and personnel turnover continue. Staff asks for ten percent cost of living increase in two steps. Commission refers matter to governor; a favorable response will increase salaries immediately, an unfavorable response will postpone salary raise to July and October.

Renews foreign bird contract with U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. (Missouri has received Persian, Talisch, Reeves, white-winged and Korean pheasants, plus bamboo partridge under this program. Korean pheasants are most promising.)

**October 16**, Jefferson City: Commission okays ten percent salary increase effective Oct. 1.

Okays hiring fiscal consultant Arthur Betts to study funding for broadened conservation program.

Discusses Leopold-Fox-Callison report and how to implement.

Discusses changing Department emblem from hawthorn flower; C. W. Schwartz asked to submit new designs.

Blair wants to give Master Conservationist Award to radio personality Arthur Godfrey. Commission questions whether award is restricted to Missourians; suggests different honor for Godfrey.

Passes memorial resolution on former commissioner Ben Cash who died.

**November 12**, St. Joseph, Ramada Inn: Commission adopts policy outlining safe use of persistent pesticides.

Barnickol reports Master Conservationist Awards

must be to Missourians; Commission sets this aside and orders award for Godfrey anyway, but it was never presented.

Bill Glackin of St. Louis suggests combining deer/turkey permit for archers, and allowing archers to take turkey during deer season. Commission defers action.

Approves new Community Forestry Program, using general revenue funds. Landscape architect position approved, using general revenue.

Approves timber sale from Clow Tract, but cautions staff against selling timber just to raise money, saying it would be wise to have some areas which could be left in their original or natural state.

**December 18**, Jefferson City: Commission hears report on government committee formed to work on scenic rivers preservation. Citizens group led by Roger Taylor of St. Charles begins petition drive to create a scenic rivers system, with Department of Conservation administering. The citizen effort complicates the effort by the governmental committee.

Hellmuth, Obata and Kassebaum approved to design additions for headquarters buildings.

Commissioner Stark expresses concern about agents forming union.

Commission okays uniforms (blazer, pants) for top ten staff.

Drag-over Wildlife Area renamed Ben Cash Wildlife Area.

Gale reports attorney general's opinion that courts do not have the power to suspend permits and Commission does not have jurisdiction to confer such power on the courts.

**1969 Summary:** Urban fishing program begun in St. Louis City park lakes; first in nation.

Community Forestry Program begun.

Proffit Mountain State Forest acquired.

Gun deer season: Nov. 15-24, four days any-deer in 47 counties, last six days bucks-only statewide. Archery Oct. 1-Dec 31.

Turkey season: April 23-27, same 35 counties plus Cedar, New Madrid, St. Clair.

## 1970

**January 21**, St. Louis, Clayton Inn: Commission forbids importation of walking catfish.

Okays 11-man conservation agent training class.

**February 19**, Jefferson City: Blair absent. Harry Mills first meeting as commissioner, **replac-**

ing Linville who served out Tweedie's term. Mills named secretary.  
Director reports scenic rivers petition drive generating heat. Citizens think Department favors the petition. Commission orders a statement be issued that it supports scenic rivers but not necessarily this petition; desires a plan that will be fair to all concerned, and funded from a public source.  
**Nagel**, assigned in 1966 to write *Conservation Contrasts*, has completed the manuscript. Commission authorizes 3,000 copies printed.  
Roger E. Ponder hired as personnel specialist.

**March 19**, Jefferson City: Stark absent. C. W. Schwartz presents new logo design of triangular motif. Commission defers action.  
Approves five percent salary increase effective July 1. Cost of living has steadily risen from 124.1 to 131.8 (Bureau of Labor Statistics).  
*Missouri Conservation Program (MCP) Report* to be presented at public meeting May 23.  
Landowner groups organizing to fight scenic rivers and the *MCP Report*.  
First walk-in turkey hunting areas established.

**April 17**, Jefferson City: **Noren** reports on meeting with Roger Taylor about modifying the scenic rivers petition. Conservation Federation expresses reservations about the petition also. **Noren** feels the federal government and Department ought to work for funding of scenic rivers, drop zoning feature and provide for acquisition through easements and fee title.  
**Noren** tells Commission about *MCP Report* and Department reply, *Challenge and Response*, to be released to public May 23.  
Commission approves retaining Arthur **Betts** to study funding sources for expanded program.  
Okays Boy Scouts creating Manuel Lisa Hiking Trail on Busch Area.  
Dr. James Whitley, water quality specialist, receives American Motors Conservation Award.

**May 5**, 349,000 fish killed in Crooked Creek in Lincoln County after someone dumped chlordane/malathion in it.

**May 8**, Commission issues position statement on scenic rivers after initiative petition is withdrawn. (Petition is withdrawn following bombing of Roger Taylor's car.)

**May 14**, Cassville, Roaring River State Park: Commission adopts quorum policy; requires three members, but allows vote by phone mail or similar method. Absentee votes must be confirmed at a later meeting.  
National Park Service not willing to trade land for Blue Spring. Commission decides to try to sell it.  
Fred Eugene **McCaslin** promoted to regional supervisor of West Central, replacing M. K. Chapman (Game and Fish Department hold-over) retiring June 30.  
Tim D. Frevert hired as landscape architect using general revenue forestry funds.

**May 23**, Some 200 citizens and press attend meeting at Department headquarters, presenting *MCP Report* and Department's *Challenge and Response*. A Citizens Committee for Conservation (CCC) formed, Ted Scott of Buffalo, chairman. Pledge to implement proposals

**June 24-25**, Jefferson City: Blair absent. ACI awards: first place in overall Information program, news and radio; second place in exhibits, film *Downstream*; third place in photography.

**Noren** reports interim legislative committee on recreation and water use holds hearings for scenic rivers proponents and opponents. Leaders are drawing closer together.

National Governor's Conference to be held Aug. 9-12 at Tan-Tar-A. Commission orders Department to cooperate but not to do anything improper for the agency.

Commission adopts as Department's and Commission's official insignia a new triangle logo to equally symbolize the three chief interests: fish, wildlife and forestry.

Assigns ten new conservation agents.

Dickneite summarizes factors starting turkey restoration about 1954: increased cooperation between Department and landowners, better land management practices, enforcement, forest fire control, cannon-net trap, state refuges producing surplus turkeys for trap and release.

Al Palladino hired as education consultant.

**July 21**, Jefferson City: New officers are Blair chairman, Mills vice-chairman, **DeLaney** secretary, Stark member.

Commission presents 30-year service awards to Carl **Noren** and Charles Schwartz.

Conservation Federation endorses *MCP Report* and is to join Citizens Committee for Conservation to implement *Challenge and Response*. Commission is disappointed because Federation response seems to lack enthusiasm.

Blair feels Department should provide free fishing permits for attendees at the National Governor's Conference. Staff feels this is improper. Commission agrees to pay for the permits personally.

An abundance of muzzle loader hunters for the Caney Mountain hunt requires limits on participation.

**August 14**, Jefferson City: Commissioners personally pay \$78.25 for fishing permits for Governor's Conference.

Plans meeting with Conservation Federation Aug. 22 to discuss *Challenge* and Federation's role. Commission resolves that, if this movement to provide for an expanded conservation program is to go forward, the Commission would urge and would prefer to have the leadership come from the Conservation Federation.

Kenneth M. Babcock hired as waterfowl biologist.

**September 23**, Sikeston, Ramada Inn: Arthur Betts completes study of funding sources. Schwartzes to edit and prepare for publication.

Commission okays trade with Minnesota, turkeys for grouse.

**October 14**, Jefferson City: Department gets award from National Rifle Association for providing hunter safety training to 100,000 people.

Commission discusses an attorney general's opinion that seems to limit agents' rights to trespass.

Betts presents his study: a minimum of \$21 million is needed to carry out expanded program; suggests considering taxes on minerals or beer.

**October 23**, First report of low oxygen (three ppm) problem in Lake Taneycomo; trout stressed.

**November 10**, Mound City, Community Building: Commission notes oxygen deficiency at Lake Taneycomo. Southwest Power Adminis-

tration demands electricity, but law requires Corps of Engineers to provide water with six ppm oxygen for Department.

Okays contract with University of Missouri for study of funding sources.

Okays use of compound bow for archery hunting.

**December 10**, Jefferson City: Department receives special award from U. S. Forest Service for developing urban forestry program.

Director **Noren** presents draft of scenic rivers bill naming Commission as administrator. Commission will adopt if adequately funded. Seeks attorney general's opinion on whether Commission may legally administer plan.

Staff introduces a Natural Areas System Policy.

Agents get new uniform, new guns, mace, handcuffs.

**1970 Summary:** Irwin T. Bode, first director, dies in Whittier, CA on Nov. 15.

Vernon Bennett retires, Paul G. Brooks is Protection chief.

Leopold-Fox-Callison study of Department.

Expanded conservation program proposed, based on *Design for Conservation*.

Citizens Committee for Conservation formed.

Scenic rivers petitions circulated and withdrawn.

W. O. Nagel's *Conservation Contrasts* published. Nagel retires.

Department's triangular logo adopted.

Over 200,000 farm ponds stocked to date.

Commission now has 67 lakes, 61 accesses.

Perry County Lake, Shanks Wildlife Area acquired.

Record Fish Awards program begun.

Stockton Reservoir impounded 1969.

Deer season: 10 days, Nov. 14-23, ten deer management units adopted.

Turkey season: April 22-28, seven days, 41 counties including new ones: Miller, Monroe, Sullivan.

## 1971

**January 14**, Kansas City, Muehlebach Hotel: Riverlands Wildlife Area officially named Ted Shanks Wildlife Area, honoring former Wildlife chief.

Staff suggests fall turkey season, but Commission says not at this time.

Director **Noren** asks Commissioner Blair if Mrs. E. K. Love would provide funds for Conservation Federation to implement *MCP Report*, but Blair says Mrs. Love had heard adverse

things about report and is not in sympathy with it. **Noren** says unless Federation gets funds it may not be in any position to work towards broadened funding base for Department.

February **11**, Jefferson City: **Noren** reports on two scenic rivers bills. Commission says it favors preservation but insists on just compensation for landowners.

Commission makes it optional for conservation agents to carry handcuffs.

Trades 12 turkeys for 30 prairie chickens with Oklahoma.

Blair says too much emphasis being put on the kill in reporting open seasons, especially deer and turkey.

Mills feels agents should not wear firearms at all times, other Commissioners disagree. Ask for a study.

**March 16**, St. Louis, Clayton Inn: DeLaney and Stark absent. Director feels Department is being hurt by scenic rivers hassle. **Noren** wants to shift proposed administration to some other agency. Blair opposes this.

A bill that would give islands and sandbars to the Department passed by the legislature.

A proposed bill, HJR 56, would create a Department of Natural Resources and eliminate the Department of Conservation.

**Noren** reports that at North American Wildlife Conference the talk was of anti-hunting philosophy and the need to move into non-game wildlife programs, as reflected in the Design.

Inflation rises to 119.1 (BLS index); Commission approves a five percent raise effective in July.

U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service may not be able to fund the urban fishing program, so Commission orders to continue with Department funds.

Biologist Glenn D. Chambers promoted to work half-time on pheasant research and half-time on motion pictures.

Blair says he thinks Love Foundation will give Conservation Federation some money to promote Design.

**April 19**, Jefferson City: Show-Me Heritage Association asks Commission to withdraw from scenic rivers effort and officially state that it will not administer such a system. Commission responds indignantly and reaffirms stand. Press statement issued.

Rep. E. J. Lucky Cantrell angered over pressure from conservationists opposed to his effort to create a DNR

**Noren** reports Love Foundation gave Conservation Federation \$3,000.

University of Missouri study says soft drink tax better revenue source than minerals severance tax, probably \$20 million per year.

**May 19**, Hunnewell, Community Center: Commission okays establishing a Springfield communications center office.

Director **Noren** reports on meeting to study University of Missouri and Betts funding proposals. Citizens Committee decides to seek a soft drink tax via initiative petition and constitutional amendment. Staff is preparing a Design *for Conservation* to be presented to the Citizens Committee meeting June 26. Goal is to get initiative petitions signed by end of year.

Okays training class of 12 conservation agents.

Approves purchase of Powell Ranch in Crawford/Phelps counties; 5,413 acres from Powell Lumber Company at \$455,655, including a donation of \$170,000 if Department names it "Woodson K. Woods Wildlife Area.

June 24, Jefferson City: Commission increases maximum agent strength to 130 men.

Director **Noren** reports on *Design* for June 26 meeting with Citizens Committee.

Bass fishing contests receiving unfavorable publicity.

**July 13**, Jefferson City: Commissioners Jim Tom Blair and Robert G. DeLaney reappointed.

New officers are Mills chairman, DeLaney vice-chairman, Stark secretary, Blair member.

ACI awards: first place in overall Information program, radio; second place in exhibits, film Return of the Wild Turkey; third place in photography.

Commissioner DeLaney reports on good reception of Design and enthusiasm of Citizens Committee.

Okays agreement between Department and Leo Drey s L-A-D Foundation on Clifty Creek and Big Piney Narrows as natural areas.

**August 16**, Master Anglers program begun for those catching large fish that aren t records.

**August 18**, Jefferson City: Outdoor Writers Association of America award to film *Return of the Wild Turkey*.

Resolution honoring **Dunbar** Robb who died July 11.

Stegner reports on Citizens Committee activities.

Walter Nowotny, an assistant attorney general, is drafting the petition, with Judge **Cullen** Coil's assistance.

Dean. A. Murphy promoted to assistant Wildlife Division chief.

**September 9**, Sikeston, Ramada Inn: Department caught in a dispute between the governor and the legislature on fiscal reporting.

Stegner reports on Citizens Committee activities.

**Design** receives endorsements from Coalition for the Environment and the Sierra Club. County petition drive chairmen in place.

Commission issues policy on firearms use by agents: No enforcement agent shall draw his sidearm except when there is a clear and immediate danger, nor fire his sidearm except in his own defense, or where the life of another person is in danger. These restrictions do not apply, of course, to target practice or other use of the sidearm in non-enforcement activities.

**October 13**, Citizens Committee for Conservation launches petition drive.

**October 14**, St. Louis, Clayton Inn: Commission hears report on fund solicitation from magazine mailing list; experts amazed at response of magazine readers in donating funds for the petition drive.

Wednesday, Oct. 13, a petition drive kick-off breakfast was held in Columbia.

Jerry **Sugerman** of the Sierra Club tells Commission of Meramec Dam fight. Criticizes Ed Glaser's statement in Washington in May, and asks Commission to rescind it. Commission will reconsider.

Commission authorizes temporary hiring of Information Specialist James H. **Auckley** under a Vietnam veterans hiring program.

**November 17**, Clinton, Inn at the Vagabond: Commission shifts its ground on Meramec Dam, slightly.

**Noren** reports on State Reorganization Committee.

Petition drive going well. (Most support from St. Louis and Kansas City areas, northeast, northwest and southeast. Some opposition in Springfield area. Probably more opposition in the Jefferson City area than anywhere else.

Farm Bureau said to oppose.)

Training class of 19 conservation agents approved for Jan. 1972.

**November 21**, Larry Gibson of Moberly bags record deer, second in Boone and Crockett Club records.

**December 20**, Jefferson City: Stark absent. Stegner reports petition drive has 50,000 signatures, with 20 counties over quota. (Some areas are less successful.) Stewart Udall and H. Nat Reed of the U. S. Department of the Interior agree to come to Missouri to stump for the campaign.

Continues urban fishing program in St. Louis. Purchases fish to stock five inner city lakes; will provide 100,000 fishing trips.

Thomas J. Troughton hired as cinematographer.

**1971 Summary:** Woodson K. Woods, Ralph and Martha Perry wildlife areas, Little Black State Forest acquired.

Old Blue, famous State Fair catfish, died.

Deer season: nine days, Nov. 13-21.

Turkey season: 11 days, Apr. 22-May 2, add **Benton**, Maries and Oregon counties for total of 44 counties.

**Conservationist** circulation at 196,500. Commission enthusiastic about use of full color photos. Okays increasing from 16 to 20 pages.

**Dunbar** Dixie Robb, Wildlife chief, dies July 11.

Resolution on the death of Commissioner Lewis D. Linville.

Special archery hunt at Knob Noster for 600 archers and muzzle loaders hunts at Caney Mountain and Deer Ridge. Expands ten-shell limit from Swan Lake area to the zone.

Mike C. Milonski promoted to Game Division chief, effective Aug. 1, replacing **Dunbar** Robb.

## 1972

**January 18**, Jefferson City: Staff recommends a fall turkey hunt but Commission defers this.

Blair wants deer and turkey kill figures withheld until regional supervisors report at month's end. Believes too much emphasis is placed on number of deer killed.

John L. Funk transferred from supervisor of Fisheries Research to staff specialist, to work on reports and publications prior to retirement Nov. 30, 1974.



Commission to attend Senate and House hearings on reorganization of state government. Three amendments proposed: 1) to retain present constitutional authority of Commission with regard to employment of personnel, setting job standards and administering a personnel system; 2) to retain the dedication of monies presently earmarked for the Commission and to establish a state park fund by using the present language of the constitution, but increasing the amount of earmarked funds from one mill to three mills to operate parks, boating and outdoor recreation programs; 3) establish a Department of Conservation which would include parks, boating and outdoor recreation, and to establish a separate department of environmental affairs to which could be assigned the agencies for regulatory interests in natural resources such as water pollution, water resources and air conservation. (All proposed amendments failed to be adopted.)

**February 9,** Jefferson City: Stegner reported meeting with regional supervisors to get an accurate count of petition signatures obtained to date. (Some county coordinators appear to have lost interest. Each regional supervisor is to get ten petitions per agent, and agents will distribute them to people they feel can get signatures. Some disappointment expressed that more signatures not gathered at this point in the campaign. Employees should refrain from carrying petitions at this time, but Commission may reconsider at a later date, if necessary.)

It is not believed reorganization bills will pass, but Commission continues to support, with its suggested amendments.

A proposed House bill would provide free fishing permits for those over 65; Commission pledges free permits for them if voters approve broadened funding in November.

**March 23,** Jefferson City: DeLaney absent. Stegner reported that the soft drink petition drive quotas had been reached or surpassed in six congressional districts. There are enough signatures to place the issue on the ballot. Efforts now will be to raise funds for the final campaign. Stegner also reported that a local newspaper article quoted Charles Callison, president of the National Audubon Society, as saying the anticipated funds would be divided equally between hunting and fish-

ing and non-hunting and fishing interests. This has won support of Wilderness Society, Sierra Club and Coalition for the Environment.

Noren reported that the reorganization bill (HJR 65) came out of the House with essentially the amendments suggested. The Reorganization Committee has apparently accepted the amendments.

Commissioner Harry Mills reported that the Environmental Defense Fund brought suit to stop construction of Truman Dam with assistance of Missouri Chapter of the Wildlife Society, which includes a lot of Department employees. He believes this to be contrary to the policy expressed by the Commission regarding Truman Reservoir. There was a great deal of discussion about the position of employees in this and similar situations that might arise, and Mills called for the director to investigate the situation. Blair felt the Commission had not been positive enough in its position statements, which contributed to the confusion on the part of staff. Mills stated he wanted it made very clear that in no manner would he want to do anything to silence an employee of the Department on anything that is legitimate information. Employees may not provide affidavits, but will serve if subpoenaed.

Commission authorized abbreviated form of the agenda be made available to reporters and others if requested. Assigns 17 new conservation agents.

**March 31,** Massive oil spill into South Fork of Salt River kills estimated 222,000 fish.

**April 3,** Special meeting, Jefferson City: Stark absent. Assistant Attorney General Walter Nowotny (assigned by Governor to represent Water Resources Board, State Park Board and Interagency Council for Outdoor Recreation) reports Federal Judge John Oliver said plaintiffs had difficulty getting information from Department employees and he understood there was a policy inhibiting employees in providing the information. Judge would look on any type of restrictions placed on employees as a violation of civil rights, Nowotny states. Commission rescinds its policy that employees may not furnish affidavits.

Stanley G. Patterson of Shell Knob began campaign against trapping after his dogs are

caught in illegal traps. Hundreds of letters received.

Commission votes to forbid importation of the white amur or grass carp.

Problem created by prairie chickens at **Whiteman** Air Force Base; Air Force decides it will not shoot prairie chickens but work with our personnel in solving the problem.

**April 21**, Jefferson City: Stark absent. Stegner reports a news conference held April 14 announced enough signatures to get soft drink tax on the ballot. A fund raising luncheon is scheduled for May 25 in St. Louis, with former Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall as speaker.

Judge Oliver okays Department instructions to employees with respect to Truman Dam litigation.

Commission chairman Harry Mills pledges open meetings for the Conservation Commission.

**April 24**, **LeRoy** Braungardt of Moscow Mills, Robert Lowe of Leslie, and Jake Arnold of Cherryville become first archers to take turkeys, opening day.

**May 17**, Sweet Springs, Blind Pony Wildlife Area: Commission receives many more **anti-trapping** letters.

Okays trade with Nebraska of 9 turkeys for 27 prairie chickens.

Agents John Adams and Richard Schroeder sued over use of firearm in an arrest. Schroeder was acquitted in Moniteau County, but Adams, tried in Cole County, was found guilty and assessed several thousand dollars in penalties. Department employees, in a show of solidarity, took up a collection and paid off most of Adams' penalties.

**June 27**, Jefferson City: Stegner reports over 160,000 signatures obtained.

Commission reaffirmed that it will provide free fishing privileges to Missourians over 65 years of age if soft drink tax funding proposal is approved.

Master Conservationist Award voted for Ted Scott, chairman of the Citizens Committee for Conservation, in recognition of his contributions to conservation efforts through the years, and especially for his efforts in the soft drink tax initiative campaign to provide a broadened funding base for the Department. (Was awarded in April, 1973.)

Stanley G. Patterson asks for an end to trapping. Many letters received, both pro and con.

Commission reaffirms equal employment policy.

**July 5**, Ed Stegner turns in petitions to secretary of state.

**July 18**, Greenwood, Reed Area: Blair absent. New officers are **DeLaney** chairman, Stark vice-chairman, Blair secretary, and Mills member.

Director **Noren** reports attorney Thomas Graham has filed an objection with the secretary of state because the petitions do not comply with provisions of the state constitution. The Conservation Federation's board met July 16 and indicated an unswerving attitude on the pursuit of this goal.

Letters continue to pour in on trapping-pro and con. Farm Bureau, Missouri Farmers Association and National Farmers Organization asked for their views.

Commission okays trade of 24 turkeys for one million striped bass fry or 10,000 striped bass fingerlings from TVA.

Commissioner **DeLaney** concerned that we do not have more black employees and wonders if we can be inadvertently discriminating. **Noren** asks for permission for outside study to be made of hiring practices, salaries and classification structure.

**August 16**, Jefferson City: Commission approves job procedures study by University of Missouri professors, Drs. Carl Willis and Paul Ring.

Stegner says petition is in circuit court and if Judge James Riley rules against petition an appeal to State Supreme Court will be made.

**Noren** requests permit increase if petition does not get on ballot, but Commission defers this.

**September 11**, Sikeston, Ramada Inn: Supreme Court ruled against the petition, only Justice Robert Seiler dissenting. Commission discusses funding options in light of Court decision; wants to take advantage of petition momentum, whether soft drink tax or other. Citizens Committee resolves to continue its efforts.

Committee to Outlaw Steel Traps publishes ads in Jefferson City, Springfield and other areas, urging people to write the Commission. Letters continue to come in, but no response from farm organizations.

**September 23**, First National Hunting and Fishing Day observed in Missouri.

**October 16**, Jefferson City: Charles Hooker honored for winning American Motors Conservation Award, first engineer to do so.

Commissioners meet with editorial board of *Post-Dispatch*, others, to discuss *Design*, petition drive.

As of Oct. 4 Commission has received 3,278 letters opposing trapping and 175 letters favoring trapping, plus petitions with signatures of 2,592 persons opposing and 6,081 favoring trapping.

Film *Design for Conservation* is released.

**November 15**, Mound City, Community Building: Noren reports that groups and individuals opposing soft drink tax have been asked to come up with alternative by Nov. 20.

Outdoor writers Bill Bennett and Ray Heady convince Commission to rescind its order restricting deer kill figures.

Staff reports Florida is first state to ban steel leghold and Conibear traps on a statewide basis. New Jersey has banned traps in some counties.

Okays training class of 12 agents.

**December 8**, Jefferson City: Noren reports on Steering Committee meeting; he is concerned about indecision and lack of unity. An Executive Committee of Dr. C. F. Luebbert, Robert G. DeLaney, Mrs. J. Russell Wilson, G. Andy Runge, Richard Southern and Dr. Rollin Sparrowe appointed. Citizens Committee raised \$117,000.

Stanley Patterson of Shell Knob appears before Commission to plead against steel leghold traps. As of Nov. 27 Department has received 4,196 letters and petitions with 5,787 signatures opposing trapping, plus 275 letters and 6,233 petition signatures favoring trapping. Farm Bureau issues resolution in support of trapping.

Commission okays trade with Kentucky of 15 turkeys for 45 grouse.

*Missouri Wildflowers* by Edgar Denison goes on sale.

**1972 Summary:** Soft drink tax petition drive succeeds but petition ruled invalid.

Forest survey reveals Missouri lost one million acres of forest land in last ten years.

Joe G. Dillard promoted to superintendent of

fisheries research, replacing John Funk.

Jerry J. Presley promoted to assistant state forester, replacing Gus Hoyer.

John V. Frye promoted from district supervisor to conservation agent supervisor in charge of equipment and training.

Harold G. White promoted from agent to metropolitan services coordinator in the Springfield office.

Committee to Outlaw Steel Traps launches drive.

Department now has 73 lakes and 77 accesses.

Special Knob Noster State Park deer hunt for archers set Oct. 14-15.

Deer season: nine days, Nov. 18-26.

Turkey season: April 24-May 7, 53 counties, including new ones: Lewis, Clark, Pike, Lincoln, St. Charles, Polk, Webster, Ripley, Livingston.

## 1973

**January 22**, St. Louis, Clayton Inn: Commission approves \$3,000 for University of Missouri study, Projection and Evaluation of Public Revenue Yields from Certain Tax Sources, Feb. 1-Mar. 15, 1971.

Legislature using the joint resolution route to force free permits for the elderly. Commission says it will be forced into this someday, and might as well take the least troublesome route.

Commission hears report on constitutional amendment to reorganize state government approved by the voters in November. Rep. Volkmer plans to put Parks, Interagency Council for Outdoor Recreation and Lewis and Clark Trail Commission, possibly Boat Commission, under Conservation Commission.

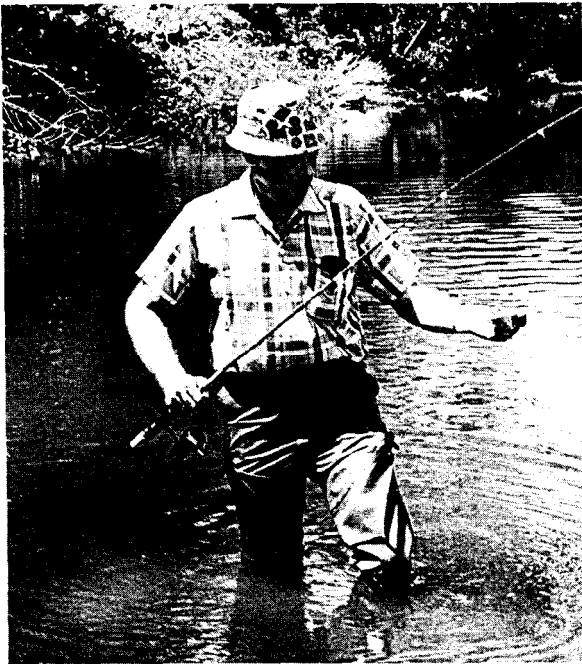
Commission takes stand to continue to permit trapping, but not to issue a statement at this time. As of Jan. 3 Department had 5,873 letters and 7,391 petition signatures opposing trapping; 456 letters and 6,233 petition signatures favoring trapping. Missouri Farmers Association survey shows 73 percent in favor; 17 percent opposed.

Okays contract with Corps of Engineers to study paddlefish; will spend \$460,000 over three years.

**February 15**, Jefferson City: DeLaney absent. Staff reports dissension in Steering Committee over which tax to promote. Stegner and Scott want to abandon soft drink tax.



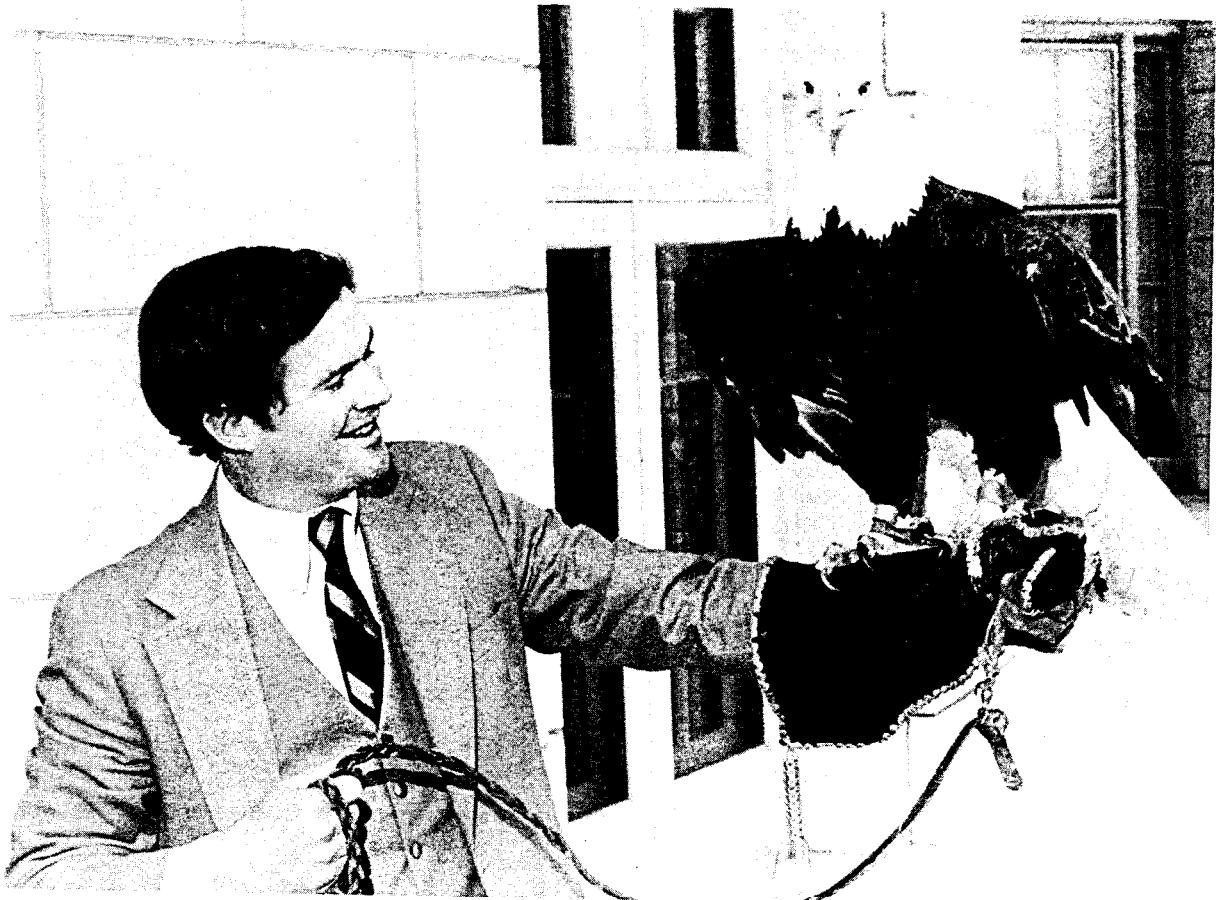
*The Commission affected by state government reorganization in 1974 was composed of left to right, Andy Runge, Jim Tom Blair, Robert DeLaney and Harry Mills. A Supreme Court decision allowed Mills and DeLaney to continue as commissioners after Gov. Bond attempted to replace them with Gene Dement and Robert Talbot.*



*Larry Gale served as assistant director from 1964 to 1979, when he assumed the reins of director.*



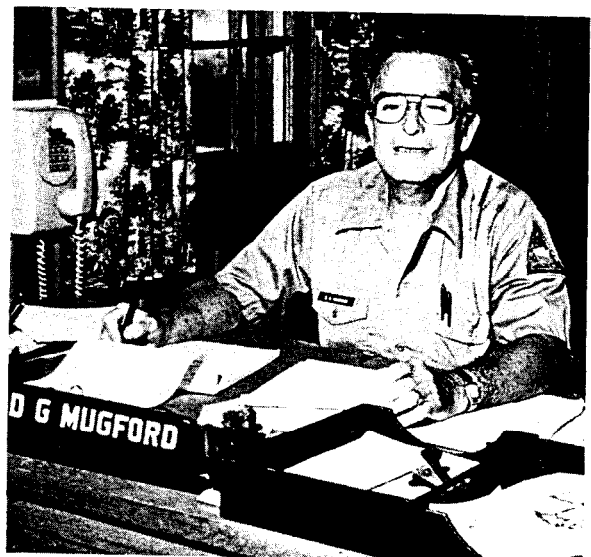
*Dean Murphy, who loomed large in the successful deer restoration program, poses with the nation's record atypical white-tailed deer rack.*



*Governor Christopher Bond meets Omega, the bald eagle, during a 1982 Wildlife Week.*



*John W. Robinson conducted fisheries research on the state's big rivers. In this early 1970s photo, he tracks fish via radio.*



*D. G. "Del" Mugford headed up the Department's forest nursery effort from 1961 to his retirement in 1982.*

As of Feb. 7 Department had received 5,993 letters and 8,484 petition signatures and 257 newspaper coupons opposing trapping; 493 letters, and 6,316 petition signatures favoring.

**March 13, Jefferson City: DeLaney** absent. Commission agrees to waive fishing permits for those over 70, beginning in 1974.

Stegner asks the Commission's opinion on the initiative petition. Reports that he and Ted Scott had been criticized for not moving more swiftly, but they held off because of fears of jeopardizing a \$2 million capital improvements appropriation. Blair said they should have proceeded immediately, but now there is no clear-cut direction.

Commission officially endorses present trapping regulations and issues a policy statement.

**April 14, Jefferson City: Stark** absent. Land use agreement continued with L-A-D Foundation, Inc. for Department management of existing and new lands owned by L-A-D Foundation.

Experts studying Department recruiting methods says they are satisfactory, though they lean more (85 percent) toward oral interview and only 15 percent on written tests. No obvious racial bias they could see.

Assigns 12 new conservation agents.

**May 15, Eminence, Forestry Headquarters:** An announcement for recruiting conservation agents kicked back by Division of Employment Security because of discrimination due to age, height and weight requirements. Two applications received from women, but they were told job was limited to males. Commission orders revision of qualifications to abolish discriminating factors.

Authorizes permits to be valid from date of sale in December.

Staff asked for permit increase but Commission defers.

**June 4, Commission** signs 25-year lease with Associated Electric Cooperative of Springfield to manage Thomas Hill Reservoir area for public use.

**June 28-29, Jefferson City:** Federal price and wage freeze complicates salary increase or permit price rise; Commission approves some permit price increases.

Commission again denies fall turkey season.

Adopts policy statement regarding hunting to offset growing anti-hunting sentiment. Recognizes sport hunting as one legitimate and desirable use of wildlife resources and further acknowledges the essential support of hunters for many programs of wildlife conservation, research and management. . . . The Commission recognizes the principle that hunting is a means for encouraging the wise use and perpetuation of the wildlife resource.

**July 17, Jefferson City:** G. Andy Runge of Mexico replaces William Stark as commissioner.

New officers are Blair chairman, Runge vice-chairman, Mills secretary, **DeLaney** member.

Governor Kit Bond attends the Commission meeting. **Noren** says this is an historic occasion as it is the first time a governor has ever attended a Commission meeting. (**Noren** was unaware that Gov. Forrest C. **Donnell** attended a Commission meeting March 15, 1941).

Union Electric Co. contacts director about lands bought in **Callaway** County for a nuclear plant. **Noren** suggests it might be useful for wildlife management. Earl K. Dille, UE's executive vice-president, expresses interest.

**August 15, Jefferson City:** Commission issues policy statement on bass tournaments, stating that it . . . strongly endorses the concept of fishing for relaxation and for the inherent enjoyment of the sport. It also recognizes the fact that organized competitive fishing tournaments are on the increase. . . . There is no evidence of harm to the fishery resource.

Biologist Ollie Torgerson's anti-deer poaching campaign approved in response to increased poaching aggravated by a meat shortage.

Voter registration law affects petition gathering; attorney general must decide if petition signers have to be registered voters.

Robert Wilson of the Missouri Trappers Association speaks to the Commission on behalf of trapping. Stanley G. Patterson of the Committee to Outlaw Steel Traps speaks in opposition to trapping. He admits the committee is composed only of himself and his wife.

**August 19, Department** sends 28 firefighters to help battle forest fires near Yosemite Park in California.

**September 25**, Jefferson City: Ed Stegner says attorney general ruled petition signers do not have to be registered voters. To be certain, Citizens Committee for Conservation asks for declaratory judgement in circuit court. Commission recognizes that until the court rules, any new petition drive cannot proceed. Stegner hopes to kick off new campaign in November, 1974.

Commission discusses new open meetings law. Counsel O'Malley asked to outline executive session items; Commission wants other business open to the public.

Biologist Jack Stanford reports quail hunting pressure up 90 percent in ten years. Bag limits cut from ten to eight daily.

**November 1**, Duck season opens with point system for first time.

**November 14**, El Dorado Springs, Civic Center: Commission adopts an affirmative action program in hiring.  
Approves new class of 15 agent trainees.

**December 2**, New film about Canada geese, *Wild Chorus*, premieres at Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference in St. Louis.

**December 18**, Jefferson City: Blair absent. Commission discusses possibility of gasoline rationing's effects on programs during periods of gasoline shortages.

Okays trading 30 turkeys for 75 prairie chickens with Kansas.

**December 18**, Special meeting with State Park Board to discuss hunting in state parks: hunting allowed in Knob Noster since 1960, move to open Sam Baker.

James Wilson, Parks director, wants Department and Parks to jointly work on land acquisition. Noren demurs, but urges cooperation in other areas. Commission feels its constitutional provisions preclude joint funding.

1973 Summary: 1973-74 budget of \$14,881,649 approved.

Deer season: Nov. 17-25, nine days.

1973 Turkey season: April 24-May 6, add Putnam, Schuyler, Scotland, Knox, Macon, Shelby, Saline, Cooper, Boone and Christian counties for total of 63 counties. Also approved two birds, one per week.

Ron Thoma promoted to realty acquisition

agent replacing Edgar Biffle, retired.

Robert King promoted to conservation agent supervisor in charge of special investigations unit.

Harold White, manager of Springfield office, resigned.

## 1974

**January 18**, Jefferson City: Noren says further meetings with Parks Director Jim Wilson produced no solutions for joint funding except the possibility of a sales tax, but Gov. Bond opposes a sales tax.

Because of gas shortage Commission orders a move into intermediate-size cars and reduces travel. (Later changed its mind.)

Dr. David A. Leuthold of University of Missouri hired to do a public opinion survey on tax sources, funded by Love Foundation.

Associate Director Gale reports pending legislation would take cultured fish from control of Commission; will vigorously oppose.

Personnel Officer Ray Wells discusses job classification systems; recommends Carl Lutz of Chicago to study Department system and make recommendations.

Ruffed grouse have been released on five sites: Ashland area, Carmen Spring and Daniel Boone state forests, Logan and DuPont wildlife areas.

**March 22**, Jefferson City: Stegner and the Federation Board ask if Commission still needs increased revenue and if it still favors soft drink tax. Blair says need is imperative, and no other suitable funding source has been suggested.

Noren reports Governor may try to appoint new commissioners under government reorganization.

Commission okays hiring Carl Lutz to study jobs/salaries.

Okays sending 2,000 paddlefish fry to Russia.

**April 15**, Kirksville, Holiday Inn: Blair absent. Inflation is up 1.3 percent from February; salary increase is requested.

Game Division renamed Wildlife Division to increase emphasis on non-game species management.

Fourteen new conservation agents are assigned.

**May 5**, Dr. Z. Lee Stokely, writer and conservation pioneer, died. Led fight against Ozark dams.

**May 23, Woodson K. Woods Wildlife Area:** Discussion of reorganization: do Commissioners have to be reappointed? Commission says no, as does Rep. Volkmer. Governor says yes.

Carl F. Lutz bid of \$18,500 for personnel study accepted.

Commission okays trade with Texas, 15 turkeys for 45 ruffed grouse from Minnesota or Wisconsin.

**June 22, Werner Otto Nagel,** biologist, writer and conservation philosopher, dies.

**June 24-25, Jefferson City:** Anticipated 5 percent drop in permit sales did not occur; sales increase instead.

Larry R. Gale's title, associate director, changed to deputy director.

Commission okays trade with Wisconsin, 45 turkeys for 135 ruffed grouse.

Okays trade with Iowa, 52 turkeys for 1,000 pheasants for a total of 260 turkeys for 5,000 pheasants over three years.

**June 28, Special meeting, Senate Hearing Room, State Capitol:** Reorganization formalities: Commissioners present were Jim Tom Blair, Andy Runge, Gene Dement of Sikeston and Robert E. Talbot of Joplin; all formally sworn in. (DeLaney and Mills were ousted.)

**June 28, Informal meeting, Department Headquarters:** New officers are Runge chairman, Blair vice-chairman, Talbot secretary, Dement member.

Commission renews the appointment of Carl R. Noren as director and approves continued employment of present personnel.

**July 22, Jefferson City:** Commission approves retiring badges and law enforcement credentials of retiring commissioners and employees, which may be retained as mementoes of service.

Management by objectives urged by governor. Declaratory judgement by Supreme Court says that petition signers must be registered voters. Stegner says this will make petition efforts much more difficult.

Regulations Committee is Deputy Director Gale chairman, Assistant Director Brohn, Legal Counsel O'Malley, four divisions chiefs and the Information officer.

Payment of interest on Commission funds to begin July 1, 1974.

**August 15, Jefferson City:** Talbot absent. Talbot suffers heart attack during second week of August.

Motion picture *Wild Chorus gets* OWAA Four-Star Award.

Commission discusses forming undercover unit; Paul D. Cook is first field investigator assigned to it.

**September 19, Commission okays purchase of 1,064-acre Bluffwoods, in Buchanan County.**

**September 25, Jefferson City:** Talbot absent. Okays lease agreement with Nature Conservancy for six prairie tracts. Now 35 areas in the Natural Areas System.

Officers of newly formed Conservation Agents Association (Gary Howard president, Paul Cook vice-president, Harry Quigley secretary, George Manville treasurer) appear before the Commission. They state their aims are to improve the agents' working conditions; suggestions will be forwarded through the chain of command. Commission assures them that they are welcomed as a means to improve the entire organization.

**October 17, Jefferson City:** Talbot absent. Employees in uproar over Lutz classification system. Morale affected. Noren feels this may cause a break in fine cooperative spirit that has existed among all employees in the past.

Stegner reports the CCC Steering Committee met Saturday, Oct. 12, and decided to go for a sales tax (vote 17-1) and attorney Cullen Coil was asked to draft the amendment. (The Leuthold public opinion survey had not shown a strong preference for either a soft drink tax or sales tax.)

Paddlefish research outlined for Commission in connection with Truman Dam problem.

Samuel B. Kirby promoted to Field Services coordinator to replace Kenneth R. Hicks due to retire Jan. 3, 1975.

At this time there had been negotiations with the University of Missouri over disposition of the Weldon Spring tract. A statewide use plan had been prepared and released and University president was unhappy about the public pressure being brought to bear.

**November 14, Newark, American Legion Post 569:** Talbot absent. Commission turns down Ducks Unlimited request for a waterfowl stamp.



Adopts a policy of financial disclosure for certain employees.

**December 16**, Jefferson City: Talbot back. Confirmation of Commissioners being debated in the Senate. Dement and Talbot's positions not clear. O'Malley says two commissioners cannot transact business.

Gene Dement and Robert Talbot, not expecting to be confirmed by the Senate, express their pleasure at having served as commissioners.

Lutz appeared to explain his system of job classification.

Commission wants direct distribution of permits in Cooper and Moniteau counties for two years, and to add eight more counties, gradually taking over all permit distribution to save up to \$200,000 annually.

Authorizes a fall archery season for turkeys in 1975.

**1974 Summary:** There are now 35 upland game areas.

Bluffwoods, Heath state forests acquired.

Conservation agents form association.

Budget of **\$16,114,453**, plus general revenue **\$1,500,000**, plus Revenue Sharing Trust Fund **\$1,500,000** for a total of **\$19,114,453** approved.

Gun deer season: Nov. 16-24, nine days. Unit Six split.

1974 turkey season: April 22-May 4, add Marion, Dallas, Laclede and Wright counties. Only one bird limit, due to lower production, gas shortage.

James **Schroder** promoted to Springfield office as metropolitan services coordinator, effective April 1.

Difficulties over commissioner appointments following state government reorganization.

Citizens Committee decides to go for sales tax amendment to fund **Design for Conservation**.

Lutz employee classification system causes uproar.

## 1975

**January 16**, Jefferson City: Runge and Blair present. Due to legal uncertainties surrounding the appointment and confirmation of two commissioners (Gene Dement and Robert Talbot) under the 1974 reorganization of the Executive Branch of state government, only two commissioners were present for this meeting. (Minutes.)

**Globe-Democrat** reporter raises question of

quorum. Since there are only two commissioners present, can they transact business? Runge says as far as he knows they must proceed with business. Can confirm actions taken when third commissioner is present.

Ken White asks Commission to get involved in national Bicentennial observance.

Runge and Blair okay start of agent training class Aug. 1, 12 to 15 trainees.

**February 20**, Jefferson City: (Blair/Runge). Hires Cyril M. Hendricks as legal counsel replacing Julian O'Malley, to retire March 31.

Dispute with senate appropriations committee which wants a line-item budget and objects to salary request. Commission feels its constitutional authority is at stake.

Staff balking at management by objectives and commission authorizes bringing in an expert for one-day seminar.

Senate Bill 58 will establish a Missouri Register, similar to the Federal Register, in which all proposed rules and regulations must be announced. Commission says try to get it modified if possible to exclude Department.

**March 20**, Jefferson City: (Runge/Blair). Noren says Citizens Committee wants to go for a sales tax.

Director recommends modified Lutz salary plan but Commission wants to study some more.

**April 16**, Jefferson City: (Runge/Blair). Commission reaffirms Nov. 22, 1949, policy on dams on Ozark streams.

Adopts modified Lutz salary and classification system, effective April 1, 1975.

Stegner asks about employees and participation in **Design** campaign.

Approves wilderness proposals before Congress.

Approves a tag reward system on bass in three reservoirs.

**May 2**, Commission endorses new petition drive.

**May 9**, Biologist Clarence Salty Daniel receives American Motors Conservation Award for system of evaluating habitats in water resource projects.

**May 10**, Biologists Charles and Elizabeth Schwartz receive honorary doctor of science degrees from University of Missouri.

**May 22**, Van Buren, Big Spring Cafe: (Runge/Blair). Commission adopts memo on employee participation in campaign.  
Authorizes first fall archery turkey season: Oct. 1-31 in 74 counties.

Authorizes sending 15,000 paddlefish larvae to Russia; 5,000 sent last year. Russians rearing and releasing them in freshwater reservoirs. Also 30,000 larvae to South Dakota.

**June 26**, Jefferson City. (Runge/Blair/DeLaney; Mills absent.) As a result of a decision by the Missouri Supreme Court on June 16, 1975, and the subsequent withdrawal of an opinion by the attorney general relating to the appointment of Commissioners as head of the Department under the Reorganization Act of 1974, the governor notified Mr. Robert G. DeLaney and Mr. Harry Mills they will continue as current members of the Conservation Commission. (Minutes.)

Commission confirms all actions between July 22, 1974 and May 22, 1975.

Gerald L. Howell hired as personnel officer replacing Ray M. Wells, retiring June 30.

Missouri Register Law passed: Department is included in it for some regulations.

Primitive weapons hunts renamed historic weapons hunts.

Okays 18 new agent trainees, including one woman, Jill Cooper.

**July 17**, Jefferson City. Robert E. Talbot is new commissioner replacing Mills; term is July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1981.

New officers are DeLaney chairman, Talbot vice-chairman, Blair secretary, Runge member.

**July 29**, 106,000 fish killed in Tarkio River after anhydrous ammonia dumped into tributary.

**August 14**, Barite mine tailings pond dam bursts and pollutes miles of Big River.

**August 26**, Jefferson City: DeLaney and Runge attend Citizens Committee meeting Aug. 23; petition campaign progressing.

Talbot tells of Meramec float with Governor and Sierra Club. Talbot wants Department to fight Meramec Dam. Governor asks for Commission's views.

Trio of citizens asks Commission to fight Bourbeuse Dam. Commission asks staff to prepare a position paper.

**September 12**, Commission chairman Robert DeLaney condemns CBS television program *Guns of Autumn* as biased against hunting and conservation.

**September 24**, Jefferson City: Stegner says he has 40,000 signatures on hand, campaign going well.

Commission hears report on Bourbeuse Dam, votes to oppose it. Goes on record as favoring stream preservation system, preferably administered by the state, but with adequate funding.

Purchases Bat Cave in Miller Co. for \$7,000/acre.

Okays **15-inch** length limit on bass in Table Rock, Pomme de Terre and Lake of the Ozarks. Already have 29 lakes with a **15-inch** limit.

**October 22**, Salem, Montauk State Park Noren reviews organization structure.

Sierra Club, through Roger Pryor, thanks Commission for its opposition to dams on Bourbeuse River.

Jim Gamble and Meramec Basin Association asks Commission to reconsider its stand on Bourbeuse and Meramec dams.

**October 31**, Commission announces Liberty Tree program as observance of nation's Bicentennial.

**November 20**, El Dorado Springs, Civic Center: Commission reaffirms its opposition to Bourbeuse Dam.

Commission authorizes one person from each line division to attend Regulations Committee meetings beginning Dec. 1975.

Assigns 17 conservation agent trainees.

**December 15**, Jefferson City: First woman conservation agent, Jill Cooper, assigned to Kansas City area.

**1975 Summary:** 1975 deer season: Nov. 15-23. Now 12 units.

1975 turkey Season: Apr. **21-May 4**, only one bird. Seven new counties: Cole, Moniteau, Ralls, Randolph, Howard, Linn, Cape Girardeau.

1975-76 budget of \$20,805,464.

*Conservationist* out-of-state subscriptions raised from \$1 to \$2 or three years for \$5.

Earl P. Coleman promoted from assistant Pro-

tection superintendent to Protection superintendent effective Jan. 1, 1976, replacing James L. Bailey retiring Dec. 31.

John V. Frye promoted from Protection special assistant to assistant superintendent of Protection replacing Coleman.

D. **Hurlbut** promoted to Operations officer replacing Robert Wells who retires.

Osal B. Capps named assistant director for legislative affairs as well as state forester.

## 1976

**January 12**, Jefferson City: Commission adopts policy on Lock and Dam 26 and 12-foot channel.

Okays use of magazine mailing list by Citizens Committee.

Missouri Register Law in effect and **Code** is filed as part of it.

**February 13**, St. Louis, Stouffer's Riverfront Towers: **DeLaney** absent. Holly Ridge and Bat Cave natural areas designated.

Commission adopts policy stand on Meramec Park Lake.

Jerry **Sugarman** asks Commission to oppose Meramec Dam. Duane Woltjen says dam violates endangered species provisions of the **Wildlife Code**. Asks Commission to oppose dam.

**March 15**, Acquisition of 5,147-acre Whetstone Creek Wildlife Area.

**March 29**, Jefferson City: Commission reaffirms Nov. 1975 policy statement on wilderness.

Plans second Governor's Fishing Seminar. Bond likes these.

Osal B. Capps registers with legislature as lobbyist.

John Lewis reports 54 turkeys killed in 1975 fall archery season.

Commission favors fall archery turkey hunting, but not gun.

Mike Crocker, president of Hillbilly Fly Rodders, Springfield, asks for catch-and-release trout fishing at Bennett Spring during the winter.

Deborah L. Claxton hired as personnel assistant, effective April 1.

Okays shipping paddlefish fry to Russia.

Okays hiking and horse trail through Sam Baker Forest.

Okays mourning dove telemetry study.

**April 16**, Springfield, Drury Inn: Natural areas

approved: Mt. Vernon Prairie, Tzi-Sho Prairie. Brings total natural areas to 49, with 5,656 acres.

**Noren** reports on meeting with governor's advisory council on agriculture; they are hostile toward Department.

William Butts, president of Missouri Trout Fishermen's Assoc., asks for winter trout fishing at the parks. Commission favors.

Glen Augspurger of Springfield asks Commission to withhold sales tax from ballot as it will not pass.

Stegner says petition has necessary signatures.

**May 1**, 16-year-old Kelly Davis of Springfield bags 43.5-pound turkey in Stone County. Arles **Runfelt**, Graff, bags 34-pound 13-ounce bird in Texas County.

**May 20**, Kimberling City, Wilderness Point Resort: Second annual Governor's Fishing Seminar May 21-22.

Bud Eyman reports Hunter Safety program began in 1958; it is a six-hour course. Approximately 30,000 trained in 1975.

Commission approves winter trout fishing at Bennett Spring State Park on a trial basis.

Approves deer hunt on Busch Area, Nov. 13-26.

**May 27**, Citizens Committee turns in petitions with 200,000 signatures to secretary of state. Petitions ask vote on one-eighth of one percent sales tax for conservation.

**June 6**, Department receives Nature Conservancy Award for its Natural Areas program.

**June 28**, Jefferson City: Commission expresses deep sense of loss at deaths of Assistant Director Paul G. Barnickol (June 7) and Staff Specialist Harold V. Terrill (June 4).

Discussion of new Sunshine Law and voting by commissioners.

Sales tax signature quotas reached in districts 6, 2, 7, 10, 5. No problems in 4, 8, 9.

New budget provides for 21 new positions.

Defers replacing Barnickol until after November elections.

**July 9**, Secretary of state certifies petitions; issue will be on ballot Nov. 2.

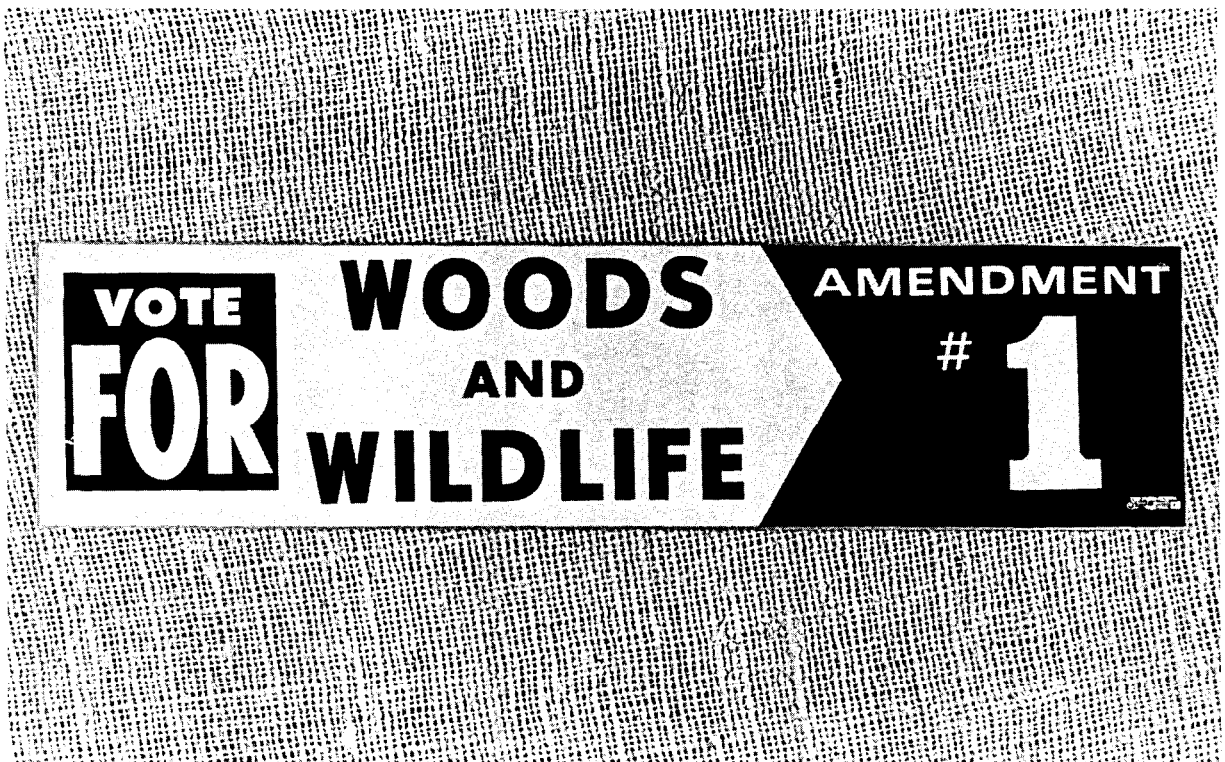
**July 14**, Jefferson City: New officers are Talbot chairman, Blair vice-chairman, **Runge** secretary and **DeLaney** member.



*Charles Callison ponders a point during the meeting to unveil the Missouri Conservation Program Report.*



*Director Carl Noren prior to his retirement in January, 1979.*



*A popular campaign slogan, Woods and Wildlife, helped draw voter approval for the conservation sales tax in 1976.*

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## Voters Can Insure Future of State Conservation

In recent months the real issue behind Constitutional Amendment No. 1, which will be on Missouri ballots Nov. 2, has become abundantly clear. Either this important conservation program, along with a modest tax increase that should average less than a penny a day for most individuals, approved or the state will forfeit its chance for a strong outdoor program years and maybe

This is not scare talk. It is based on hard facts. Conservationists began their drive for increased funding purchase land for the public and to expand programs in the early 1970s. Their effort, based on a 1-cent levy on drinks, failed in the initiative petition stage. They came back with the current proposal, calling for a sales tax one-eighth cent.

Another failure would probably discourage future action. Even worse, the land that is suited for conservation programs is rapidly vanishing. Action now would spare some of that property for generations.

In this era of increased environmental concern there is little opposition to adequate funding for "bird, fish, game, forestry and wildlife programs." It is a difficult concept to oppose and in fairness it should be quickly pointed out that the opponents to Amendment No. 1 are not attacking the principle.

They are against the method of funding. Of course, the timing is unfortunate. When the drive for signatures began many months ago, conservationists had no way of knowing that another constitutional amendment on the November ballot would call for a rollback of the sales tax on food and drugs. Had they known they might have adjusted their timetable to avoid any confusion. After No. 1 was on ballot,

however, it was too late for second thoughts.

Informed voters will want what they are getting and how much an expanded program will cost them. A one-eighth of per cent boost is so tiny almost no one would ever notice it. Figures out to 12 cents on a \$100 purchase and only \$1.25 on a \$1 item.

This plan offers an excellent example of how a penny here and a penny there add up collectively to a major Missouri investment in the future. What will it buy? That question is easy to answer. A major use will be more land to support wildlife and that includes both birds and animals. The state forest system would be expanded substantially. So would other natural areas and the access to streams.

Obtaining the land is a primary requirement. Once it is acquired, expanded public-use programs come next and ample funds have been earmarked for that important purpose.

Those who support conservation but believe this program should be financed in another way are their views. But in the last decade it has become increasingly clear that no other method is available. The Legislature won't do it. The on hunters and fishermen cannot be boosted enough to do the job and, even if they could, would be unfair to expect those groups to pay for programs to benefit all Missourians.

Constitutional Amendment No. 1 offers Missouri its only reasonable of ever having conservation program that would meet present and future needs. Even though would cost the average tax a few pennies a week, the results would more than justify that token investment.

*Read By Citizens Committee for Conservation Ted Scott Chairman*

*The conservation sales tax enjoyed wide endorsement from newspapers like the Kansas City Star and groups such as the American Association of University Women, the Audubon Society and the National Wildlife Federation.*

*Nineteen lakes were constructed under the community lake program. After passage of the conservation sales tax, the Department waived the requirement that the community purchase the land for the lake.*



Bill T. Crawford receives 35-year service award. Commission asks names for areas be submitted to it for approval, using past guidelines. Stegner reports sales tax will be on ballot in November. No organized opposition has surfaced. Needs help of Department personnel to pass. Campaign Associates not doing too well. Commission urges employees to help. Keefe and Troughton show new film, *Deer Hunting in Missouri*. Craig Wolf, Branson, catches 14-pound 7-ounce rainbow trout in Lake Taneycomo.

**August 13**, Jefferson City: Talbot absent. Stegner says Campaign Associates quit Aug. 4. Jeff Churan of Chillicothe to act as finance chairman for Citizens Committee. Director and Blair to call all supervisors in and urge they help with campaign. Commission approves appropriation budget request of \$20,305,310. Leases two prairies from Missouri Prairie Foundation, DOC to manage them. Five new accesses bring total to 115 in state.

**September 24**, Coaching great Don Faurot named honorary chairman of Citizens Committee for Conservation.

**September 28**, Jefferson City: Harold Terrill's widow, Mrs. Doris Terrill, accepts American Motors Conservation Award on behalf of Harold's work in conservation. Also gets retirement plaque for his 39 years of service. Commission okays trading 50 turkeys for 1,000 pheasants with Iowa; trades 20 turkeys for 60 grouse with Wisconsin. Representative Richard Ichord announces he opposes Union Dam. Governor Bond calling for referendum on Meramec Dam and asks if Commission concurs. It does. Commission adopts a policy on expenses and hours involved at retirement functions after a flurry of retirements. Okays use of billed cap by agents for pistol shooting and boat work.

**October 13-14**, Kansas City, Travelodge Motel: Gov. Christopher S. Bond dedicates Missouri's first metro forest-Bluffwoods, between Kansas City and St. Joseph.

**October 16**, Upper Big Lake near Charleston dedicated-19th community lake.

**November 2**, Conservation Sales Tax (Amendment 1) passes; becomes effective July 1, 1977.

**November 17**, El Dorado Springs, Civic Center: Commission receives award from Society of American Foresters for film *More Than Trees*.

Commission calls for study of payments to counties for tax losses; asks attorney general if Department can make payments. Approves lowering age for free fishing from 70 to 65, effective Jan. 1, 1977, also for children under 16.

Discussion of reorganization of Department. Master Conservationist Award voted for Ed Stegner.

**December 15**, Jefferson City: Mike Milonski is named assistant director. Osal B. Capps also assumes function as assistant director; though he had been designated assistant director for legislative affairs in Dec. 1975, for purposes of dealing with legislature, he actually functioned as assistant director only after this date.

Commission asks \$26,000,000 additional appropriation to add anticipated sales tax funds. (\$19,225,113 is for capital improvements, mainly land purchases.)

Amends community lake policy so Department may buy land instead of local sponsor.

Okays initiating study of endangered Indiana bat.

Biologist Frank Sampson will retire August, 1977.

Richard L. Clawson hired as biologist for research and survey work on rare and endangered species and non-game species.

Grace Conahan, representing Missouri League for Humane Progress, asks Commission to outlaw leghold trap.

**1976 Summary:** New petition drive succeeds; voters approve one-eighth cent conservation sales tax. Design program goes into effect.

200,000 acres are now in state forests.

*Conservationist* circulation at 257,000.

New or enhanced forestry programs: utilization and marketing, rural fire protection, tree improvement, vegetative management, insects and diseases, urban and community forestry.

Hunter safety trainees since 1958—220,469.

Acquisitions: Whetstone Creek, Turkey Kearn wildlife areas.

1976 turkey season: 14 days, Apr. 26-May 9,

two birds; add Audrain, Carroll, Johnson, Newton and Ray counties.  
1976 fall archery deer: Oct. 1-Nov. 12 and Nov. 22-Dec. 31; firearms Nov. 13-21.

## 1977

**January 1**, First slot length-limit imposed at Watkins Mill Lake.

**January 18**, St. Louis, Clayton Inn: Staff now consists of Carl R. Noren, director; Larry R. Gale, associate director; Allen Brohn, assistant director; Osal B. Capps, assistant director; Mike C. Milonski, assistant director; Cyril M. Hendricks, legal counsel; Imelda Schepers, Commission secretary.

Jerry J. Presley named state forester; Dean A. Murphy named Wildlife Division chief.

Commission authorizes an emergency wildlife feeding program because of snow and cold.

Approves reorganization of administration. Field Service to be transferred to Wildlife Division. Education Section transferred from Field Division, as a separate entity. Protection Section made a Division.

Beginning July 1, 1978, new conservation agents will be required to have a college degree in law enforcement, education, communications, biology, fisheries or wildlife management, forestry or agriculture.

Conservation Agents Association guidelines set.

U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service to impose steel shot for use in 12-gauge guns for waterfowl hunting in St. Charles County in 1977.

Statement made at Springfield hearing on Taneycomo trout fishery and oxygen problem.

**February 4**, Attorney general says Department cannot make payments to counties in lieu of taxes.

**February 22**, Jefferson City, DeLaney absent. Commission accepts one-year, no-cost lease from Nature Conservancy of Koppers Company lands.

Commission agrees to manage wildlife for public use on Union Electric Co. lands at Reform nuclear plant in Callaway County.

**March 1**, St. Louis: first of 13 public meetings to seek input from citizens on use of conservation sales tax funds.

**March 17**, Jefferson City: Blair absent. Fay M. Grogan replaces Richard Rotsch (retiring) as

Kansas City metropolitan services coordinator, effective April 1.

Film *More Than Trees* won first place in OWAA competition.

Jerry Sugerman, representing Senator Danforth, presents a Meramec heritage plan for disposition of Meramec Dam lands. Commission is interested and adopts a position statement.

Establishes trophy trout fishing area on North Fork of White River, effective Jan. 1, 1978.

Kenneth M. Babcock promoted to assistant chief of the Wildlife Division effective April 1.

**April 8**, Ed Stegner named Master Conservationist for his work in the conservation sales tax campaign.

**April 19**, Joplin, Holiday Inn: Commission approves Memo of Agreement with DNR to establish a state Natural Areas System.

Approves sale of 300,000 paddlefish fry to USSR for \$20,000 plus shipping costs.

Governor wants to transfer state parks administration to the Department.

Milonski reported on Town Hall meetings held throughout the state.

**April 29**, Dr. William Pflieger, fisheries biologist, wins American Motors Conservation Award.

**May 6**, Department of Conservation and Department of Natural Resources agree to form a Natural Areas Committee to administer the state's Natural Areas System.

**May 26**, Jefferson City: Blair absent. Corps of Engineers took over Trimble Wildlife Area to build Smithville Lake. Much concern over Trimble replacement at this time, but it was not finally replaced until 1985, with creation of Settles Ford Wildlife Area in Cass and Bates counties.

Larry Heath of Meramec Basin Association asks Commission to support a dam on Meramec River. Commission position is unchanged.

Much concern over complaints about non-resident deer hunters in northeast Missouri.

**June 20-21**, Jefferson City: FY 1978 budget provides for 877 permanent positions, up 150 over FY 1977.

Vernon E. Sievert named internal auditor.

John E. Wylie transferred from assistant state forester to Natural History officer.

Natural areas to date total 51, with 5,943 acres. First big purchases under Design: **8,318.5-acre** Koppers Tract; **2,150-acre** Buford Mountain (from The Nature Conservancy.) Commission receives Friends of 4-H Award for many years of service to 4-H. There are now five special historic weapons deer hunts on four different areas, plus two special archery deer hunts. Conservation agent strength increased from 130 to 160 agents. Training class of 21 new agents approved.

**July 7**, Department files suit in circuit court to get two percent collection fee on conservation sales tax declared unconstitutional. Legislature had put the fee in appropriation bill. It later was declared unconstitutional.

**July 18**, Massive fish kill below **Bagnell** Dam is believed to be caused by low oxygen.

**July 20**, Department of Revenue refuses to collect conservation sales tax on motor vehicles: ordered to do so by court until declaratory judgement is rendered.

**July 21**, Jefferson City: New officers are **Runge** chairman, **Blair** vice-chairman, **Talbot** secretary, **DeLaney** member.

Commission orders legal action be taken to force Department of Revenue to collect sales tax on motor vehicles and trailers.

Brackets approved by legislature for collection of conservation sales tax are source of much complaint from public. Were eventually re-done.

Commission establishes rules for hunting and fishing on **3,000-acre** Reform Wildlife Area (UE Tract).

Free fishing for disabled veterans and the blind is approved for 1978.

**August 22**, Jefferson City: **W. Robert Aylward** and **J. Ernest Dunn, Jr.**, of Kansas City, replace **Blair** and **DeLaney** as commissioners. **Dunn** is vice-chairman, **Aylward** member.

**William L. Pflieger** receives American Motors Conservation Award for ***Fishes of Missouri*** and wins ACI Award. Other ACI awards: first place news program, **Joel Vance**; second place **Conservationist** magazine, **J. F. Keefe** and **M. K. Johnson**. Key Man Award from National Conservation Education Association to **Clarence Billings**.

Department has 40 men fighting fires in California.

**Robert B. King** is field investigations supervisor. **Ronald E. Thoma** is retitled land acquisition supervisor.

**Francis E. Eyman** promoted to hunter education coordinator.

**Aaron R. Chapman** is new fiscal officer.

**September 27**, Jefferson City: **Helene R. Miller**, first female professional forester hired, assigned as farm forester to **Kirksville** area.

**October 21**, **St. Charles, Busch Area**: **Talbot** absent. Oxygen content of **Lake Taneycomo** still a problem. Department to do a study funded by Corps of Engineers.

**Earl P. Coleman**, fish and wildlife protection superintendent, promoted to Protection Division chief, effective Jan. 1, 1978, replacing **Paul G. Brooks**, who will retire.

Commission approves **gating** **Mud Sink Cave** and **Fisher Cave** in **Meramec State Park**, to protect **Indiana** and **gray bat** populations there.

There are now 57 natural areas designated.

**Roger E. Ponder** promoted to personnel officer, effective Nov. 1, replacing **Gerald L. Howell**, who resigned.

**November 14**, **Brookfield, Regional Office, Div. of Parks and Recreation**: Commissioner **Aylward** proposes a citizens advisory group, composed of six persons selected by each commissioner.

**December 9**, Chief Photographer **Donald E. Wooldridge** dies of heart attack while en route to photograph eagles.

**December 16**, Jefferson City: **Talbot** absent. Commission approves a black education program with **Lincoln University**.

Approves **SPORT Program**. (Sportsmen Policing Our Ranks Together.)

Representatives **Harry Hill** of **Novinger** and **Michael Lybyer** of **Huggins** co-sponsor a joint resolution to bring to the vote of the people in 1978 the repeal of the one-eighth of one percent sales tax, effective 1981.

Approves agent training class of 20, including three minority applicants.

**1977 Summary**: **Saline Valley** and **Rebel s Cove** wildlife areas, **Buford Mountain State Forest** acquired.



1977 turkey season: April 20-May 3; seven new counties.

1977 deer season, Nov. 19-27.

**Conservationist** circulation is 272,000 copies per month.

## 1978

**January 17**, Kansas City, Ramada Inn Central: James Fisher and Marvin Brown present program on land acquisition.

James E. Robertson of St. Joseph presents argument against use of steel shot in 1978.

Commission purchases land along Meramec River in St. Louis, Franklin and Jefferson counties.

Approves in principle a fall turkey season, 40 counties, Oct. 18-29; bag limit of one bird. (Adopted in February.)

Discusses problem of non-resident deer hunters in north Missouri counties. Wildlife Division asked to come up with solution.

Okays trade with Tennessee: 15 turkeys for 300 muskie fingerlings and 2,200 largemouth bass fingerlings, to be used in restocking efforts at Truman Lake.

Acquires 775-acre Burr Oak Woods at Blue Spring.

**February 16**, Second winter in a row of severe cold and snow cover creates hardship on wildlife.

**February 17**, Jefferson City: Stegner says hearings on HJR 60 to terminate sales tax June 30, 1981, introduced by Reps. Harry Hill and Michael Lybyer, will be Feb. 21. (Only six or seven people testified in favor of the bill, and they were scenic river opponents.)

Winter trout fishing at Bennett Spring continues to be popular. Number of anglers rose from 231 in 1977 to 343 this year.

Commission adopts policy statement on Department management of public lakes.

Gives formal approval to Giant Canada goose restoration program. There are flocks at Trimble, **Schell-Osage**, Duck Creek, Montrose, Hunnewell, August A. Busch, James A. Reed, Pony Express, Bulls Shoals, Taneycomo, Table Rock and Stockton lakes. Nesting Canada geese have been recorded from 40 counties.

Okays emergency feeding program in south-east, central and Ozark protection regions, as in 1977.

**March 10**, Jefferson City: Commission confirms action taken in executive session in **February**, appointing Larry R. Gale as director-designate, replacing Carl R. **Noren** when he retires in January, 1979.

Initiates a Kansas City urban fishing program similar to St. Louis.

Okays study by Washington University to determine the status and proper management of wild ginseng.

Approves \$20,000 for the state auditor to perform an audit, as requested by Commission.

John V. Frye promoted to Protection Division assistant chief.

**March 17**, Director Carl **Noren** receives Conservationist of the Year award from Conservation Federation of Missouri.

**April 9**, Gas bubble disease kills thousands of fish below Truman Dam over a period of several weeks.

April 17, Jefferson City: **Noren** recognized for winning American Motors Conservation Award.

**James** E. Robertson of St. Joseph again appeared to protest steel shot.

Charles A. Purkett promoted to assistant director in charge of Fisheries, Wildlife and Engineering, effective May 1.

Commission okays export of 2,000 silversides and 5,000 gammarus to Colorado; **5,000** freshwater shrimp to Nebraska; 5,000 freshwater shrimp to West Virginia.

Okays trade with Pennsylvania of one million white bass fry for 500,000 to one million tiger muskie eggs.

**April 28**, Supreme Court rules conservation sales tax applies to motor vehicles.

**May 17**, Salem, Tower Inn: SJR 35 goes to vote of people. Gives legislature power to fix payments by Department to counties in lieu of taxes. Department will not oppose. **Aylward** on record as opposing. Federation opposed and it failed at polls.

First Citizens Advisory Committee meeting set for June 3.

Ducks Unlimited wants Commission to establish a state duck stamp, with proceeds to go to waterfowl work here and in Canada. Attorney feels we cannot legally do this. Commission defers action.



*Cameramen/biologists Charles W. Schwartz, left, and Glenn Chambers film a scene on market hunters for the 1976 film production, Return of the Wild Turkey.*



*Commercial fishermen in 1971 use hoop nets to harvest their day's catch.*



*As of 1987, the Department has distributed 1,200 grants totalling \$1.6 million to rural fire protection districts in the state.*



*Activities that can be pursued throughout life include shooting skills, here taught by Cheryl Riley and Les Brown.*

Howell Island purchased, 2,547 acres for \$408/acre.

Reorganization of Forestry Division increases forest districts to 17.

June 6, Commission asks Corps of Engineers for damages for massive fish kill at Truman Dam, and asks steps be taken to prevent further kills.

June 26, Jefferson City: Talbot absent. Mr. Dunn feels Commission should take a definite stand on Meramec Dam. Commission asks opponents and proponents to appear at July meeting.

Ducks Unlimited again asks for state waterfowl stamp.

Commission merges conservation education and hunter education into one section: Billings as conservation education superintendent; Gary D. Harvey as conservation education assistant superintendent; and Francis E. Bud Eyman as outdoor skills education superintendent.

June 3, Jefferson City: Special meeting with Citizens Advisory Committee.

Commission issues statement on SJR 35 (legislature fix payments in lieu of taxes) that it does not support but will not oppose the resolution.

Another big fish kill occurs on Osage River.

June 30, Commission agrees to buy Weldon Spring lands (7,230 acres) from University of Missouri for \$12,400,000.

**July 14**, Marais Temps Clair marsh in St. Charles County is purchased.

July 24, Jefferson City: Twelve members of Citizens Advisory Committee present.

New officers are Dunn chairman, Talbot vice-chairman, Aylward secretary, Runge member. Chester D. Barnes gets 35-year service award; Francis J. Mertens receives 40-year award.

Jerry Sugerman makes pitch against Meramec Dam. Larry Heath of Meramec Basin Association makes pro dam pitch. Runge moved Commission go on record as opposed to Meramec Dam. Seconded by Talbot. Passed unanimously.

Commission sells 8.5 acres of headquarters land to City of Jefferson for right-of-way extension

for Hwy. 179. (This was finally finished in late 1985.)

**September 15**, Conservation education program called K-8 is launched in Missouri school systems.

**September 26**, Jefferson City: Lucian Smith appears again before Commission (first appeared in Feb. 1977) to ask Commission to pay farmers to produce wildlife.

Quail season cut back to Dec. 31 due to decline in population.

Natural Areas System now has 66 areas, 8,141 acres.

Commission approves trading 156 turkeys to Iowa for 3,000 ringneck pheasants.

Department has an education support program for minority students, whereby Department pays a scholarship, and student works part-time for Department.

**October 18-19**, First fall gun turkey season harvests 4,335 birds.

**October 26**, St. Louis, Stouffer's River Front Inn: Glaser reports on Trimble Wildlife Area replacement, which is to occupy attention until 1985. (Trimble was taken by Corps of Engineers for Smithville reservoir.)

Mr. Dunn questions propriety of rap sessions with agents, which the Commission has conducted in recent years, and not with other employees. Runge says it was done by another Commission to meet a specific situation. Aylward says he favors rap sessions and would add other employees. Dunn asked staff to come up with suggestions on this.

Dunn thinks Citizens Advisory Committee needs activities.

Commission okays \$5,160 grant to University of Missouri School of Forestry, Fisheries and Wildlife for a bluebird study.

Okays \$20,134 for a cave inventory on Department and Forest Service lands.

Okays \$5,000 for raptor rehabilitation building at Springfield's Dickerson Park Zoo.

Okays 15 conservation agent trainees effective March 1, 1979, to bring agent strength to 160 men.

**November 7**, Legislative in lieu of taxes proposal beaten at polls. Stegner wants to use constitutional amendment route to provide for payment in lieu of taxes; change wording to may pay instead of shall pay.

**November 15**, El Dorado Springs, Civic Center: Talbot absent. Education has 4,000 teachers enrolled in new K-8 Program, expects 7,000 by end of the year.

Commission okays rural public relations program, Partner in Conservation, suggested by Roy McGrath of Mountain View.

**December 16**, Squaw Creek, first Eagle Day. For months, public has followed progress of lone moose wandering in northeast Missouri.

**December 19**, Jefferson City: Forty-year award for A. Reed Twichell.

Lyman Bergmanis and others of Mississippi Valley Duck Hunters Association appear to protest steel shot for waterfowl.

Commission adopts policy on opening records to public.

Combines archery fall deer and turkey hunting permits and opens archery seasons to run concurrently.

**1978 Summary** Proposed FY 1978-79 internal budget of \$48,031,601. Income estimated at 60 percent sales tax; 25.5 percent permits, licenses and fees; 3.2 percent from sales, rentals and leases; 2.3 percent from interest, dividends, donations; 9 percent from Federal Aid (forestry, wildlife and fisheries).

There were 130 new positions filled in FY 1977-78.

Fire control funds now make up 50 percent of forestry budget.

College degree required for conservation agents. Acquisitions: Howell Island, Prairie Slough, Marais Temps Clair, Franklin Island, Platte Falls wildlife areas, Burr Oak Woods, Castor River, Fox Valley state forests.

1978 gun deer season: Nov. 18-26, with establishment of quotas for non-resident hunters in Units 2, 3, 4 and 5.

1978 spring turkey season: Apr. 19-May 2, in 89 counties.

1978 fall gun turkey season: Oct. 18-29 in 40 counties.

Conservationist circulation at 267,000.

## 1979

**January 19**, Jefferson City: Carl R. Noren's last meeting as director. Commission expresses its appreciation for his services and wishes him well in retirement.

Commission adopts revised land acquisition

policy, authorizing purchase of land at less than appraised value. (Since July 1, 1977, there have been 107 land purchases in 55 counties, amounting to 51,724 acres at a cost of \$27,039,848.)

Adopts new agreement with James Foundation on trout management at Maramec Spring.

Approves \$25,000 for emergency wildlife feeding program begun Jan. 8 due to cold and heavy snows in north Missouri.

SPORT program, approved in December, 1977, has named changed from Sportsmen Policing Our Ranks Together to Sportsmen Protecting Our Resources Together.

Dan F. Dickneite promoted to federal aid coordinator, effective March 1.

**January 20**, Vandals girdle the Marthasville Oak, a chinquapin oak in Warren County considered largest of its kind in the state.

**February 16**, Jefferson City: Larry R Gale's first meeting as director.

Mike Milonski reports Citizens Advisory Committee felt Department's performance in implementing *Design* program was good, and that Commission should take stands on controversial issues pertaining to wildlife and forestry resources.

Borchers and Heimsoth Construction Co. approved to construct new headquarters facilities.

Archer's deer hunting permit will include turkeys, rescinding archer's turkey permit.

Ducks Unlimited delegation again asks for a duck stamp. The Commission approves creating a waterfowl stamp for 1979. Proceeds of the \$3 stamp to go 10 percent for administration and 45 percent each for wetland projects within and outside of Missouri.

Okays trading 15 turkeys to Illinois for 20,000 largemouth bass fingerlings.

Approves \$15,000 for enhanced wildlife habitat improvement program, PAWS, (Planning Ahead for Wildlife Survival.)

Emergency feeding proves ineffective; plans adopted for intensive campaign to promote food and cover plantings this spring, following three bad winters in a row.

Stanley M. Michaelson promoted to assistant Fisheries Division chief.

**March 16**, Jefferson City: Trimble Wildlife Area sold to Corps of Engineers for \$2,750,000 (to build Smithville Lake).

Federation opposes new duck stamp.  
Steel shot for waterfowl becoming increasingly controversial.  
Commission approves 14 new conservation agents training class.

April 16, Jefferson City: Gale tells Commission that because of inflation We probably will not be able to purchase the full 300,000 acres visualized in *Design*, nor can we devote 80 percent of the budget for capital improvements.

**April 18, New** fish die-off from gas bubble disease at Truman Dam.

**June 19, Jefferson City:** Legislation passed to reduce the fee charged by Department of Revenue to collect sales tax for Department from \$560,000 to \$150,000.

Legislation passed to require Department to make payments in lieu of taxes on privately owned land purchased after July 1, 1977, and on forest cropland, at rates fixed by the Commission. (Must be approved by voters.)

Commission authorizes director to permit physically handicapped persons to hunt by methods not prescribed in the rules.

Okays trading 15 turkeys to Ohio for 45 ruffed grouse.

Paul D. Cook promoted to regional supervisor.

Fourteen new conservation agents assigned.

Commission approves honoring Dr. Julian Steyermark, eminent Missouri botanist, by naming a woods for him.

July 20, Jefferson City: Commissioner Robert E. Talbot died of a heart attack July 14. Commission expresses sorrow to family.

New officers are W. Robert Aylward chairman, G. Andy Runge vice-chairman, J. Ernest Dunn Jr. secretary.

Pollution problem on Big River occurs when cloudburst causes break in dam holding lead mining tailings. About 20 miles of Big River are polluted. Staff ordered to take steps to save the stream.

Commission okays trading 100-170 turkeys to Indiana for 300-500 ruffed grouse.

Agrees to participate with U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service in a test of steel and lead shot for waterfowl hunting at Schell-Osage Wildlife Area.

**August 20, Bennett Spring State Park:** Commission approves federal enforcement of steel shot regulations with aye votes by Dunn and Runge, nay by Aylward.

Director Gale reports that the midwest pheasant council of the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies is being replaced with a farm wildlife habitat council, evidence that habitat loss for farm game is national in scope and not limited to Missouri.

**September 24, Sikeston, Ramada Inn:** Dunn absent. Commission approves non-resident turkey hunting for fall 1980.

Okays a farmer/landowner wildlife management survey.

Gives \$500 work/scholarship to Wilbur Nesbitt, Lilburn, a student at Lincoln University.

**September 29, Steyermark Woods** near Hannibal is dedicated.

**October 5, International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies** names Missouri's Hunter Safety program the best in nation, for a second time.

**October 12, Wildlife Chief Dean Murphy** announces end of successful turkey restoration program in Missouri.

**October 18, Kansas City, Howard Johnson Motor Court:** Gordon F. Jack Waller of Malden replaces Talbot as commissioner; Carl DiSalvo of St. Louis replaces Runge.

DiSalvo is named vice-chairman, Waller member.

Ballistics expert Tom Roster describes experiments with steel versus lead shot; results show no significant difference in killing power or crippling incidence.

**November 13, Hannibal, Holiday Inn:** Resolution honoring G. Andy Runge for his services as commissioner.

Some agitation continues for repeal of the waterfowl hunting stamp. Commission orders survey to get hunter reaction.

Grass carp ban is repealed.

Fifteen thousand brown trout released in Lake Taneycomo.

Contract made with Corps of Engineers to study freshwater mussels in the Osage River basin. Corps to pay costs.

**December 14**, Jefferson City: National Rifle Association representative presents the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies 1979 Hunter Education Award for best hunter education program in North America.

Commission waives hunting permits for those over 65, effective 1980.

Claims 18 island tracts in Missouri River. This was a project of Biologist William Dieffenbach.

Okays trading 150-200 turkeys to Kansas for 3,300-4,400 pounds of prairie forb seed.

Authorizes disposal of 8.91 acres of land in Washington County known as the Kelleter Towersite; this was the first towersite purchased by Department in 1940.

**1979 Summary** Budget request of \$57.2 million approved for FY 1979-80.

Acquisitions: **Weldon** Spring, Bushwhacker, Ben Branch Lake, Rocky Fork Lakes, Coon Island, Cooley Lake wildlife areas, Poosey and Grand Trace state forests.

1979 gun deer season: Nov. 17-Nov. 25.

1979 spring turkey season: April 23-May 6; add Grundy County, for a total of ninety counties.

1979 fall turkey season: Oct. 17-Oct. 31, in 65 counties.

Harry S Truman Lake impounded.

## 1980

**January 11**, St. Louis, Ramada Inn-Westport: Jack Waller absent. Commission reaffirms survey of waterfowl hunters, using **Fleishman-Hillard** Missouri Poll.

Fred Lafser and John Karel, representing DNR, present views as to ownership of Sam Baker, Indian Trail, Meramec, Deer Run, Chesapeake and Sequiota state parks. Lafser believes Meramec and Sam Baker are owned by DNR; this is disputed by Commission. Problem is finally resolved in 1981-82 by mutual agreement and legislative enactment.

Legislation (HJR 79) is proposed to divert one-half of sales tax funds to state parks. Osal Capps said he favors amendment to transfer parks administration to Department of Conservation. Commission advises Capps to proceed in a manner which he feels is in the best interest of the Department.

**Wild Edibles of Missouri** by Jan Phillips is published.

February 20, Director Gale replies to complaints broadcaster Derry Brownfield made before Missouri Cattlemen's Assoc. (Also see July.)

February 21, Jefferson City: Jack Waller absent. Dean Murphy reports that of 33 states affected by steel shot program, 24 elected to stay with steel shot, six withdrew completely, and three modified their program.

PAWS program budget of \$47,265 used for 125,000 pounds of seed made available to farmers.

Department plans 13-14 Town Hall Meetings during March and April to keep public informed of progress on **Design**.

Commissioner Aylward asks staff to continue efforts to clean up Big River mine tailings pollution.

Commission hears much concern expressed by the public over quail numbers and farm game.

Orders two appraisals on land purchases costing \$1 million or more.

Makes blaze orange for deer hunters part of deer regulation.

Claims 24 islands in the Missouri River.

Okays trade with Wisconsin of 40 turkeys for 120 ruffed grouse.

Approves \$100,000 for youth summer employment in conservation projects.

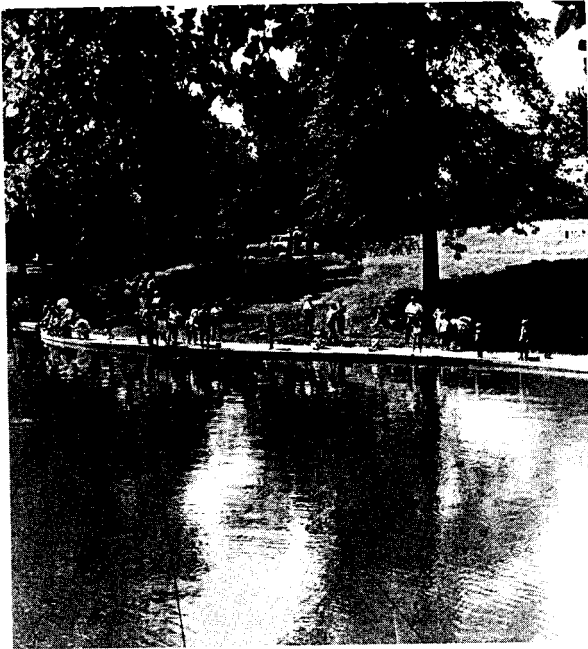
**March 14**, Jefferson City: Commissioners take short course in habitat improvement; course is given to agents for working with landowners.

Stegner urges closer working relationship between Department and Federation.

Mo-Kan Chapter of the Waterfowl Habitat Owners Alliance brings California biologist Kenneth C. Moore to discuss lead poisoning. Moore says it exists but is not a significant factor in waterfowl deaths in California. Mo-Kan Chapter asks Commission to rescind steel shot rule.

Dale **Humburg** gives presentation on lead poisoning.

Commission rescinds steel shot rules three to one (Dunn opposing), saying federal steel shot regulation placed Missouri hunters in an unfair position since hunters in some other states in the flyway were exempt from the requirement. And further, there were still some uncertainties with regard to the ballistic



*The Department led thenation in establishing an urban fishing program, first in St. Louis, above left, and later in other cities. Robert F. Wells, above right, came from the CCC to head up construction and maintenance programs until his retirement in 1976. A survey crew, below, led by Bill Towell, sets up equipment at Taum Sauk in 1949.*







*Fisheries workers developed a trout that would spawn in the autumn instead of the spring to support a growing demand at the state's trout parks.*



*Jack Woodhead makes contact with a visitor to Rockwoods Reservation in 1967.*



*Heavy rains caused acid from a strip pit to run off into Rocky Fork Creek in Boone County in August, 1970, causing the deaths of 17,000 fish.*

- efficiency of steel shot and to the actual extent of lead shot poisoning in waterfowl.  
 Okays plans for handicapped blinds at waterfowl areas.  
 Waller wants crappie regulation at Wappapello repealed.
- April 2, Dead and mangled paddlefish found below Truman Dam. Subsequently, 455 dead paddlefish found; deaths believed due to discharge water turbulence.
- April 15, Clinton, Missouri Public Service Bldg: Commission votes to provide \$2,500 to Raptor Rehabilitation and Breeding Project, Inc. Provides \$2,000 for study of rare and endangered plant species in national forests. Okays contract with Ducks Unlimited for funding waterfowl nesting projects in southwestern Manitoba; total of \$73,280 for two projects.
- May 6, Columbia: Missouri Chapter of the Ruffed Grouse Society formed.
- May 10, Shepherd of the Hills Visitors Center opened.  
 First Prairie Day at Niawathe Prairie.
- May 16, Jefferson City: Mike Milonski retires. Commission expresses appreciation for his 22 years of service.  
 Sam Kirby and Stephen Clubine report on habitat, PAWS and native grass programs.  
 U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service representatives from Kansas City tell Commission that if steel shot rules are rescinded federal refuges will be closed to hunting this fall. Commission decides to restore steel shot requirements at Swan Lake, Upper Mississippi including Ted Shanks and **Mingo**.  
 Rescinds quotas on non-resident deer hunters in north Missouri, but requires that they take only bucks.  
 Orders to cease issuing pet permits for skunks because of rabies outbreaks in skunks.  
 Claims 19 islands in Missouri River.
- June 12, **Weldon** Spring and Howell Island wildlife areas dedicated.
- June 14, Marais Temps Clair Wildlife Area dedicated.
- June 20, Jefferson City: Fleishman-Hillard Survey of waterfowl hunters shows majority surveyed favor waterfowl stamp.  
 Commission redefines farmer so person can hunt and fish on land he owns regardless of residency.
- July 1, Donald K. Heard rehired by Department as assistant superintendent of Education.
- July 20, Rebel s Cove Wildlife Area dedicated.
- July 23, St. James, **Woodson** K. Woods Area: J. Ernest Dunn Jr., absent. Commission decides to postpone election of officers for at least 90 days.  
 Twenty people appear to protest reopening season on red foxes. Commission votes to reopen.  
 Commission approves class of 20 agent trainees. Okays agreement with Wild **Canid** Survival Center to provide \$20,000 for fencing red wolves breeding pen.  
 Votes to close House Springs access, Cedar Hill access and Morse Mill access on Big River in Jefferson County between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. due to law enforcement problems. Hires private security firm to police areas July 26-September 30.
- Derry Brownfield, broadcaster, appears before the Commission. He complains of trespass and brucellosis in deer. He believes the Department is weakening constitutional amendment on payments to counties in lieu of taxes, does not repair its half of common fences, and is anti-farmer in Conservationist. He wants a Division of Farmer Relations in the Department.
- Historic weapons hunt at Knob Noster Dec. 20-22.  
 Extended drouth hurts nesting wildlife and causes fish kills; over 500 forest fires fought during July.
- August 9, Hite Prairie near Versailles is dedicated.
- August 15, Wheelchair nature trail opened at Little Dixie Lake.
- August 19, Kansas City, Crown Center Hotel: Jack Waller absent. Commission reorganizes Protection Division: creates administrative assistant to the division chief to assume responsibility for training, public relations, safety, research, property and covert operations; upgrades agents from PM 2 to PM 4; creates assistant regional supervisor and regional staff specialist positions in each region; phases out district supervisor positions.

Okays trade with TVA of 50 turkeys for 85,000 channel catfish or river otters.

Adopts policy of in lieu tax payments.

Jack Runyan, director of state Department of Agriculture and Lowell Mohler, representing Farm Bureau, voice various complaints of agricultural interests against Department and offer suggestions.

September 12, Department issues warning not to eat Big River suckers because of high lead concentrations in the fish.

September 18, Dexter, Hickory Log Restaurant: Commission adopts policy on water pollution and toxic waste disposal.

Approves \$500 scholarships and cooperative work program at Lincoln University with Angela Coates of Jefferson City and Earl Buckner of Columbia.

Wildlife Drawings by C. W. Schwartz, approved for printing.

October 14, Director Larry R. Gale elected president of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

October 24, Jefferson City: Commission endorses amendment to provide for payments in lieu of taxes, and orders widespread publicity.

Proposal for solving Big River mine tailings pollution is offered and accepted.

Recognition awards presented to William H. Dieffenbach for island claiming program; John A. Goddard for positive action on oil spill in Asher Creek; Gordon T. Maupin and James D. Wilson for successful Eagle Days programs; Education Section for K-8 Conservation Education Program; James F. Keefe for Jade of Chiefs Award; Joel M. Vance for Excellence in Craft Award; ACI Awards for K-8 Education program; Mike McIntosh and Cindie Brunner for book *Wild Edibles*; Joel M. Vance for news program; and Herschel P. Bledsoe for radio public service announcements.

Special Achievement Awards to Conservation Agent William H. Hitchcock, Jr. for constructing earth dams to prevent toxic chemicals from washing into Middle Fork of Salt River when a building in Paris, MO. burned; and to Equipment Mechanic Bob Moncreif for devising a five-row seeding machine that enabled workers to accomplish

in eight hours what formerly took eight employees three days to complete.

November 4, At general election voters approve constitutional amendment to allow Commission to fix payments to counties in lieu of taxes for lands purchased after July 1, 1977, and for forest cropland payments.

November 18, Jefferson City: Jack Waller absent. Commission authorizes Department to make payments to counties in lieu of taxes: \$75,821.94 paid to 73 counties for lands purchased and \$197,000 in forest cropland payments.

Authorizes \$500 scholarship/work programs at Lincoln University for Jethro T. Clay, Columbia, Alvin A. Cooper, Hayti, Edwin A. Cooper, Hayti, Leon Surles, Saginaw, Mich. and Curtis Tipler, Bragg City.

Steve Weithman reports on 2 1/2-year study of oxygen deficiency at Lake Taneycomo. Recommends Corps of Engineers maintain 6.6 ppm dissolved oxygen. (In 1986, following various studies by Corps, it is recommended that intake controls be established to draw water from varying levels to control oxygen content; problem stills exists as of Jan. 1986.)

December 20-22, Knob Noster State Park historic weapons deer hunt held to thin deer herd.

1980 Summary: Appropriation budget of \$60,141,308 is approved for FY 1980-81.

Department now operates more than 80 fishing lakes, 150 accesses.

Kansas City urban fishing program begun.

There are now 174 uniformed men in Protection Division.

State forest acreage totals 250,000 acres.

Drought of 1980 causes worst fire year since 1950s; state is 14 inches short of average precipitation.

Long Branch Lake impounded.

Acquisitions: Grand Pass, Seat, Talbot, Crowley's Ridge wildlife areas, Wilhemina, Big Cane, Prairie Woods, Little Lost Creek, Big Creek, Fiery Forks, Canaan state forests.

Gun Deer Season: Nov. 15-23; Historic Weapons: Caney Mountain, Mincy, Peck Ranch, Ft. Wood, Swan Lake. Special archery hunt at Drury. Blaze orange to be required of gun deer hunters. Rescinds quota on north Missouri non-resident hunters.

1980 spring turkey season: April 21-May 4, add Vernon, **Mercer** and Lafayette counties.

Fall gun turkey season: Oct. 20-Nov. 2 in 65 counties. Archery turkey season in 95 counties.

**Conservationist** subscription for non-residents raised from \$2 to **\$3/year**.

Liberalizes hunting permit requirements for youths.

## 1981

January 21, Kansas City, Hyatt Regency Hotel: Commission passes resolution commending Larry Gale for leadership.

Biologist Mike Colvin reports on three-year crappie regulation at Wappapello. Anglers can remove all crappie from a reservoir when two to three years old, or six to ten inches long. By reducing total harvest, biologists hope to produce older, larger fish but this was not borne out at Wappapello because of mortality of older crappie, possibly due to cold temperatures in the spring of 1980. Fisheries recommended rescinding ten-crappie daily limit; limit raised to 30 crappie.

February 13, Jefferson City: Jack Waller absent. Ed Glaser reports on paddlefish. Truman Reservoir has limited natural reproduction and stocking is necessary to maintain a fishery in Lake of the Ozarks. Techniques for artificial reproduction were developed and refined and fingerlings and fry stocked in Truman Lake in 1978, 1979 and 1980. Corps of Engineers will be asked to fund the rearing facility to offset project losses.

Charles W. Schwartz receives 40-year service award.

Wildlife Division presents proposal for expanded private land wildlife habitat improvement program, based on survey of farmers and landowners and their acceptance of possible approaches.

Director Gale asks for a pilot program on multiflora rose control in selected areas with cost sharing with farmers; approved.

Commission okays trading 94 turkeys to Wisconsin for 282 ruffed grouse.

Special achievement awards to **LeRoy Heman** for coordinating meetings and contract negotiations in the acquisition of the **Weldon Spring** tract, and to Donald L. **Henson** for outstanding planning and design work for the reconstruction of Shepherd of the Hills Hatchery.

March 27, Jefferson City: Jack Waller absent. Commission okays trading 50,000 channel catfish to Michigan for tiger muskies received in 1975.

Okays trading 32 turkeys to Kentucky for 20 river otters.

April 15, Warsaw, Truman Dam Visitor Center: Jack Waller absent. Commission approves firearms policy statement: The Conservation Commission of the State of Missouri, in official meeting this 15th day of April, 1981, states its continuing opposition to federal and state legislation that would put constraints on ownership and proper use of firearms and, further, expresses its support for stronger action by the courts to deal promptly and vigorously with those persons using firearms in the commission of crimes.

Recognizes Charles W. and Elizabeth R. Schwartz who will retire May 1. No two individuals have contributed more than Charles and Libby Schwartz to the success of Missouri conservation-past, present and future.

Okays trading 50,000 hybrid striped bass x white bass to Pennsylvania for 50,000 muskellunge.

In 1981, steel shot was required at Upper Mississippi River Wildlife Area, including the Riverlands portion of the Ted Shanks Area, Swan Lake and Mingo national wildlife refuges. Mo-Kan Committee of the Waterfowl Habitat Owners Alliance asks that requirements not be extended to other areas.

Missouri study shows lead poisoning in the 27-35 percent range, compared with the California study which showed only a four to six percent range.

May 22, Springfield, Howard Johnson Motor Lodge: Legislature passes SB 112, which gives agents authority to enforce all state laws on Department property, plus authority to enforce specific laws statewide dealing with arson, vandalism and trespass.

Also passes HB 308, which gives Commission almost complete power to determine what kind of lands will be classified as forest **crop**-land, under what conditions, and in the future, to set the payments that will be **made**.

Commission adopts regulation requiring steel shot be used on Montrose, Swan Lake, Fountain Grove, Marais Temps Clair, Duck Creek (and Mingo Unit), Schell-Osage, Ted Shanks and Otter Slough wildlife areas.

Claims 20 islands in the Missouri River.  
Plaque presented to Mrs. Robert A. (Patty) Talbot on behalf on her late husband s service as commissioner, 1975-1979.

June 21, Mountain of Jade Award from the Outdoor Writers Association of America given to Department for its *Design for Conservation* program. First time such award has ever been made to a state agency.

June 23, Jefferson City: Jack Waller absent. Larry Gale receives resolutions from House and Senate for his professional achievements and contributions in the cause of conservation.

Commission passes resolution honoring Osal B. Capps for his effective work as legislative liaison in the 81st General Assembly.

Claims 20 islands in the Missouri River.

Okays shipping 293,000 largemouth bass fry and 17,200 channel catfish fingerlings to Illinois for future trade considerations.

Extends its 12 \$500 education support scholarships to Central Missouri State, Northeast Missouri State, Southeast Missouri State, Southwest Missouri State and Northwest Missouri State universities. Offers minorities \$1,000 scholarships when enrolled in graduate studies in fisheries, wildlife or forestry.

Senator Clarence Heflin urges Commission to support merger of state parks system with the Department. Commission agrees such a merger would be in the best interest of citizens but funding is a problem. Commissioner Aylward thinks Department ought to give financial assistance to the Division of Parks.

Bill T. Crawford receives 40-year service award.

July 9, Construction of lake at Bushwhacker Wildlife Area begins: first major lake built since 1972.

July 24, **Branson**, Holiday Inn: Peter C. Myers of Matthews replaces Jack Waller as commissioner.

New officers are Carl DiSalvo chairman, Peter C. Myers vice-chairman, W. Robert Aylward secretary, J. Ernest Dunn Jr. member.

Lease agreement renewed with L-A-D Foundation to manage the following natural areas: Hickory Canyons, Ball Mill Resurgence, Clifty Creek, Piney River Narrows, Rocky Hollow, Dripping Springs, Horseshoe Bend.

Wayne Gross, representing Division of Parks,

appeals for financial assistance for: certain trout park operating expenses; purchase of some park inholdings; road repairs or waste disposal. Gale pointed out the Department already spends \$1 million on trout park programs, recouping less than half that amount. Commission takes Gross appeal under advisement.

Commission claims 15 islands in the Missouri River.

August 12, Lake City Training Center and Range is dedicated.

August 21, Director Gale speaks out on Missourians Against the Conservation Tax, a group launching petition drive to repeal the amendment. (Group tried unsuccessfully to get farm organizations to finance the petition drive; group finally disbands.)

August 28, Jefferson City: Gale tells Commission Clifford C. Olsen is heading a group called Missourians Against the Conservation Tax, and is trying to repeal the conservation sales tax via the initiative process.

Department to survey Citizens Advisory Committee and Federation Board regarding Department help for state parks.

September 23, Jefferson City: Proposed HJR would combine conservation and parks and change sales tax from one-eighth to two-tenths of one percent. Commission gives assent to its introduction by Senator Clarence Heflin.

Awards: hunter education program from National Rifle Association and International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies; Ernest Thompson Seton Award from the Woodstream Corporation for the K-8 and outdoor skills education programs.

Commission claims 20 islands in the Missouri River.

October 23, Osceola, Community Building: Commission purchases the **Tiemann** Tract in Madison County for \$750,000; named Millstream Gardens State Forest.

Okays trading 15 turkeys to Westvaco Corp. of Kentucky for 45 ruffed grouse.

Announces otter restoration program, to begin with stocking 20 otters in Grand River area.

The survey asking about financial support for state parks reveals Citizens Advisory Commit-

tee was more favorable than the Federation Board, but there was a considerable difference of opinion in both groups.

October 30, Department acquires 1,334 acres in Taney County that includes historic Dewey Bald.

November 14, Pipeline break spills ammonium nitrate fertilizer into Dry Creek, affecting Maramec Spring and hatchery. Department collects cave fish and crayfish to save them; moves 70,000 trout.

December 3, Jefferson City: Commission adopts Saturday nearest Nov. 15 as the permanent opening date for firearms deer season.

Special Achievement Awards to: Agent Willie G. Lyles Jr. for organizing a handicapped and underprivileged children's fishing clinic; Agent Warren W. Wiedemann for organizing a successful county hunting and fishing day observance; Agent J. Michael Loe for rescuing a three-year-old boy who had fallen into a lake.

December 24, R. A. Brown Jr., former commissioner, dies.

December 31, Jack Stanford, quail biologist, retires.

1981 Summary: Acquisitions: Bob Brown, Manito Lake wildlife areas, Busiek, Riverbreaks, Painted Rock, Henning state forests.

1981 gun deer season: Nov. 14-22.

1981 spring turkey season: Apr. 20-May 3, in 99 counties.

1981 fall gun turkey season: Oct. 19-Nov. 1, in 73 counties.

## 1982

January 6, Special meeting. Jefferson City: Present were six from Federation, three from DNR, five others; discussion involves differences of opinion between Division of Parks and Department.

Gale reports on several legislative resolutions to transfer certain agencies to the DOC and/or divert portions of the sales tax revenue for other purposes. Representatives Jay Russell and Marvin Proffer have an amendment to transfer the Division of Parks and Historic Preservation to DOC with no additional funding. Study shows that without

funding, in less than ten years Conservation Fund would be insufficient, even without land acquisition. Commission issued a statement in February presenting these facts and saying it would abide by the will of the people if it comes to a vote.

Federation opposes any change in DOC funding.

January 22, Jefferson City: Commission opposes U. S. Bureau of Land Management proposal to divert Missouri River water out of the basin.

Commission argues with Stegner about statements attributed to Federation in a Tim Renken column. Stegner feels Commission position is unclear, whether for transfer of parks or not. Commission says its position is very clear: it's up to the people.

J. R. Whitley reports on pipeline break in Nov. 1981 that contaminated Maramec Spring.

February 23, Maramec Spring restocked with blind cave fish, salamanders and crayfish rescued when Williams Pipeline break threatened the spring in 1981.

February 25, Jefferson City: Commission establishes a soil conservation reserve fund of \$1 million to take care of serious erosion problems that may exist on newly acquired state lands.

Okays trade with Indiana of 333-500 turkeys for 1,000 ruffed grouse.

Designates Spring Creek Gap, Allred Lake, Bradyville, Otter Slough as natural areas.

Master Conservationist Award presented to Marlin Perkins of St. Louis who is internationally known for his work in wildlife conservation.

March 19, St. Louis, Marriott's Pavilion Hotel: Commission issues position statement vigorously opposing any constitutional changes that would curtail the conservation program approved by the people in 1976.

Approves \$7,440 for construction of an endangered species propagation building for Raptor Rehabilitation and Propagation Project at Tyson Research Center in St. Louis County.

Orders staff to take any steps necessary to combat diversion of Missouri River water from the basin.

April 13, Branson, Holiday Inn: Commission passes resolution honoring nomination of

Peter C. Myers to the post of chief of the Soil Conservation Service.

Senator Edwin Dirck, Representative James Jay Russell and Fred Lafser, DNR, urge Commission to accept proposal from governor's office as an alternate to HJR 86. This proposed bill would divert funds from the conservation sales tax to state parks and soil conservation activities. New proposal asks trout fee increase from \$1.50 to \$3, with proceeds to state parks; \$3 million from DOC to soil conservation work of DNR; purchase of 6,000 acres of Lake Ozarks State Park for \$12 million; purchase of Columbia Bottoms from City of St. Louis. Commission opposes first two requests, but is willing to buy Lake Ozarks State Park and Columbia Bottoms at an appropriate price. Also offers to lend financial assistance to Division of Parks if legal problems can be overcome.

Approves \$5,100 for an eagle breeding facility at Dickerson Park Zoo in Springfield.

Claims 16 Missouri River islands.

Corps of Engineers begins pumpback testing at Truman Dam and kills hundreds of fish.

May 21, Moberly, Ramada Inn: John B. Mahaffey of Springfield replaces Peter C. Myers as commissioner.

DOC proposals for helping fund state parks for three years rejected by governor's office; DOC has no further commitments to DNR.

Legislature appropriated \$1 million from conservation fund to DNR under HB 1007, but has no authority to do so without Commission approval. DOC to negotiate specific projects where it might help DNR, up to \$1 million.

Commission orders director to interview public relations firms and select one to make a study of the Department's needs in this area.

A pair of bald eagles establishes a nest on Truman Lake in Henry County (first in recent history) and a refuge is established around the nest site. Parents later abandoned the nest and one young eaglet (named Adversity) was raised at Dickerson Park Zoo and later released to the wild at Mingo National Wildlife Refuge.

Commission urges Gov. Bond to set up a Missouri water law task force to draft and follow up on legislation and policy in the water resources field.

Accepts a gift of \$15,000 from an anonymous donor to pay salaries of ten minority students

for summer work at Whetstone Creek Wildlife Area.

Accepts \$1,995.39 from Safari Club International for a study of fawn mortality.

Claims 17 Missouri River islands.

Okays trading 35 turkeys to Arkansas for 20 river otters.

June 23, Jefferson City: New officers are **W.** Robert Aylward chairman, John B. Mahaffey vice-chairman, Carl DiSalvo secretary, J. Ernest Dunn Jr. member.

Herschel P. Woody Bledsoe receives **40-year** service award.

1981 National Arbor Day Award given to DOC by National Arbor Day Foundation.

Dan Forrestal, public relations consultant, met with the Commission concerning his proposed study of the Department.

Commission claims 11 Missouri River islands.

Okays trade with Kentucky of 32 turkeys for 20 river otters.

July 19, Lake of the Ozarks, Holiday Inn: Commission hears opposition from some local residents to purchase of Lamine Wildlife Area tract. Others favor.

Authorizes program to restore trumpeter swans to Missouri.

Okays trading 75 turkeys to Michigan for 175 ruffed grouse.

Accepts \$500 from Missouri Trappers Association to aid in otter restoration.

ACI awards to Department for news program, slide program, television program.

August 24, Carthage, Southwest Missouri Bank: Commission approves an experimental pheasant season Dec. 1-12 in Dunklin, New Madrid, Pemiscot and Stoddard counties.

Approves opening quail season Nov. 1, instead of Nov. 10, as it has been for many years.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment No. 2 would allow legislature to invalidate any state agency regulation. Commission opposes.

New natural areas approved: Big Buffalo Creek Marsh (addition), Diamond Grove Prairie, Mint Spring Seep, Hughes Mountain, Valley View Glades, Tupelo Gum Pond.

September 17, Jefferson City. Commission issues position statement opposing Constitutional Amendment No. 2.

Approves \$25,000 payment to Ducks Unlimited for water project in Saskatchewan.



*Wildlife Damage Control Specialist Kenneth Kelm, left, teaches a landowner how to trap for a damage-causing predator. Known as the "Missouri System," this method of predator control was developed by Lewis McIntosh and Robert H. Smith.*



*At a 1984 "Day on the River," Biologist Alan Buchanan explains the life cycle of Meramec River mussels.*





*The Department sponsors senior citizen fishing clinics like this one held in 1982 with Herschel Bledsoe as instructor.*



*Jim Duncan, center, portrays a buck skinner during "Prairie Days" in 1980.*



*Volunteers cross Paint Brush Prairie during a survey to determine the population of prairie mole crickets, conducted by Dennis Figg in 1987.*

Approves increasing annual contribution to Fisheries and Wildlife Research Units at Missouri University from \$15,000 to \$18,000. Newly-formed Operation Game Thief discussed.

Dan Forrestal presents his recommendations to the Commission. Urges full-time media relations managers in St. Louis and Kansas City; **Design** logo should be phased out; motion picture should be made; cable TV investigated.

October 14, Burr Oak Woods Nature Center dedicated.

October 14, Blue Springs, Burr Oak Woods Nature Center: Carl DiSalvo absent. Commission orders staff to publicize opposition to Amendment No. 2 and reasons for opposition.

Commission reaffirms its continued confidence in the ability and efficiency of Department biologists in response to disparaging remarks about biologists over steel shot issue.

October 23, Burr Oak Woods, first Day in the Woods program.

November 2, Constitutional Amendment No. 2 defeated at polls.

November 19, St. Joseph, Ramada Inn: Mahaffey absent. Commission reviews steel shot issue.

Establishes first ruffed grouse season in modern times: Oct. 1-Nov. 10 in parts of Boone, Montgomery and Warren counties.

Employs 22 agent trainees beginning Jan. 3.

December 10, Jefferson City: Commission expresses concern about turkey hunting accidents. DiSalvo asks about having an area where orange is required to see if it affects hunter success.

1982 Summary: DOC now has 180 accesses, 300,000 acres in state forests.

Commission adopts Operation Game Thief program of Conservation Federation.

There have been 273,734 people trained in hunter safety.

Seventeen river otters stocked at Swan Lake. Smithville Lake impounded.

Acquisitions: Harmony Mission, Davisdale, Locust Creek, Seven Island, Ten Mile Pond, Lamine River, Four Rivers wildlife areas.

1982 spring turkey season: Apr. 19-May 2, in 100 counties.

1982 fall turkey season: Oct. 18-31, in 84 counties. Opened Howell Island to fall turkey hunting.

1982 gun deer season: Nov. 13-21.

## 1983

January 21, Jefferson City: DiSalvo absent. Special Achievement Awards to James M. Akery, Forestry Division, for helping control a fire in Dixon, and to Richard K. Baskett, Wildlife Division, for preventing major losses to Department property during a flood.

Shikar-Safari Club International names District Supervisor Frederick Shaw Wildlife Officer of the Year.

Francis E. Bud Eyman, Education Section, receives International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Award of Merit for hunter education achievement in 1982.

Commission votes to require turkey hunters at Weldon Spring and Howell Island hunts to wear blaze orange as experiment.

Purchases Rose Pond Natural History Area, 239 acres in Clark County.

Accepts \$1,020 from The Nature Conservancy for the prairie management program.

DOC receives \$30,000 as part of a court settlement with Dresser Industries for damage to Big River after a dam failure at a barite mill; money to be used as a research grant for aquatic damage studies by Fisheries Research Section.

Don Heard now heads Education Section.

March 24, Branson, Roark Motor Lodge: Commission okays trade with Wisconsin of ten captive-bred barn owls for four osprey chicks taken from the wild.

Issues statement opposing sale of 165,000 acres of U. S. Forest Service land in Missouri, as proposed by the Reagan administration.

April 11, Otters released in Lamine River near Otterville.

April 18, Fort Leonard Wood, Ramada Inn: Commission renames the 3,606-acre Spring River Wildlife Area the Robert E. Talbot Wildlife Area, after deceased former commissioner.

Approves administrative reorganization of the Protection Division, with assistant chief of

administration John V. Frye, and assistant chief of field, vacant. (Was later filled by Glen D. McCloud.)

April 24, Large number of paddlefish killed by water turbulence at Truman Dam; continues into May.

May 20, Warsaw, Treva and Verita's Family Restaurant: Earl Coleman, Protection Division chief, to retire May 31; resolution passed honoring his years of service.

Wildlife Division Assistant Chief Kenneth Babcock honored for his handling of the steel shot controversy.

Commission approves study with U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service of the status of the red-cockaded woodpecker in Missouri.

June 17, Kansas City, Alameda Plaza Hotel: This was last official meeting of W. Robert Aylward and J. Ernest Dunn Jr. as commissioners.

Commission salutes legislature for passage of a law that exempts landowners from certain types of liability for guests on their property, and for passage of a one-tenth of one percent sales tax earmarked for state parks and soil erosion programs.

Smoking banned during Commission meetings.

July 22, Jefferson City: Jeff Churan and Richard T. Reed new commissioners. New officers are Mahaffey chairman, Churan vice-chairman, Reed secretary, DiSalvo member.

Osal B. Capps, LeRoy D. Clark, Eugene Farrow and Earl L. Lutes receive 35-year service awards.

Department receives Flight Safety Award from Federal Aviation Administration for 35,000 accident-free hours of flight time.

Izaak Walton League and Fred Bear Sports Club Outdoor Ethics Communication Award to Education Section for SPORT graphics and SPORT Slide Show.

ACI Awards to Information Section for radio public service announcements, magazine article, news releases and multi-media presentations.

Authorizes special pheasant hunting season, Dec. 1-12 in four southeast counties: Dunklin, New Madrid, Pemiscot and Stoddard.

July 30, Boone and Crockett Club officially accepts Missouri's atypical rack deer as world record. Rack was found in St. Louis County

in 1981, by Agent Mike Helland and hunter Dave Beckman.

August 9, Director Larry R. Gale elected president of the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

August 19, Jefferson City: Commission votes to retain Citizens Advisory Committee in its present form on an indefinite time basis.

Establishes three wild trout management areas: Blue Spring Creek (Crawford Co.), Spring and Mill creeks (Phelps Co.).

Establishes restrictions on purchase and export of ginseng, and registration of dealers.

September 16, Branson, Branson Inn Restaurant: National Park Service wants to end trapping on Ozark National Scenic Riverways. Commission orders draft opposing this.

Commission okays trade with Kentucky of 64 turkeys for 40 otters.

Special Achievement Awards to David E. Pitts, Field Service agent, and Willie R. Gray, conservation agent, for saving the life of a heart attack victim at Ozark Empire Fair.

October 1, First ruffed grouse season in modern times opens.

October 21, Jefferson City: Commission adopts resolution requesting trapping be restored to Ozark National Scenic Riverways.

Accepts 378 acres from Corps of Engineers, Part of Meramec Park Lake project lands.

November 18, Hannibal, Holiday Inn: Commission decides that at this stage of the Design program, Department should place more emphasis on development and management of lands already acquired. Acquisition would be only moderately reduced to allow funds for development and management.

Okays trade with Wisconsin of 153 turkeys for 460 ruffed grouse.

November 29, Wilburn E. Hoskins, printing and mailing supervisor, receives Governor's Award as State Employee of the Month.

December 16, Jefferson City: Commission supports Amendment No. 2, which proposes a one-tenth of one percent sales tax for soil and water conservation and state parks, to be on the ballot in Nov. 1984.

Claims 175-acre island in Missouri River, Warren County.

**1983 Summary:** Acquisitions: Amarugia Highlands, Crooked River, Bunch Hollow wildlife areas, Mineral Hills, Flag Springs state forests. Payments to counties in lieu of taxes: \$189,000 to 99 counties. Forest **cropland** payments will boost this to \$450,000.

1983 spring turkey season: Apr. 18-May 1, in 101 counties. 1983 fall gun turkey season: Oct. **17-30**, in 86 counties. Firearms deer season: Nov. 12-20.

## 1984

**January 19**, St. Louis, Sheraton Plaza Hotel: Director Larry R. Gale authorized to serve on a review panel for the North American Waterfowl Management Plan as representative of state wildlife agencies, as requested by the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

Commission removes prohibition against purchase, possession and sale of white-tailed deer by holders of a shooting area permit.

**February 17**, Jefferson City: Commission authorizes lead/steel shot seminars by ballistics expert Tom Roster.

Okays trading 30 turkeys to Ontario, Canada, for river otters or ruffed grouse.

Approves classification of 984,205 acres of land acquired prior to July 1, 1977, as forest cropland. Inclusion of the above acreage means that every acre of Department-owned land acquired from private owners will be returning a payment in lieu of taxes to the county.

Conservation Agent John E. Thomas receives 1983 Wildlife Officer of the Year Award from Shikar-Safari Club.

Three Farm Bureau members ask Commission to cooperate in a multiflora rose control program. Authorizes a limited program in Howell and Howard counties, staff to prepare details.

**March 9**, Osage Beach, Tan-Tar-A Resort: Mahaffey and Reed absent. Commission approves a limited, one-year multiflora rose control program in Howell and Howard counties.

**May 10**, Biologist Donald M. Christisen recipient of the Gulf Professional Conservationist of the Year Award.

**May 14**, Jefferson City: Winners of the First Annual Employee Communications **Contest**

were: Don Smith, Field Service agent, for newspaper column in West *Plains Quill*; **Ranney McDonough**, conservation agent, for radio program; Dave Tylka, urban biologist, for television program.

Tests for radioactive materials at Busch Area and **Weldon** Spring indicate human health risk is negligible, except for a small stream, two springs and a slough. A hiking trail nearby has been re-routed.

Special Achievement Awards presented to hatchery employee William Patrick Davis who rescued a woman from drowning at Bennett Spring on March 22; and Hatchery Manager Gordon Proctor and Fish Pathologist Gary Camenisch who devised a procedure for improving water quality at Shepherd of the Hills Hatchery.

**June 15**, Boone and Crockett Club confirms atypical white-tailed deer record belongs to Missouri for deer found dead in St. Louis County in November, 1981.

**June 22**, Jefferson City: Commission closes groundhog hunting season Dec. 15 through the end of the spring turkey hunting season.

Adopts a position statement on the Garrison Diversion Unit-North Dakota, a project to divert Missouri River water for irrigation: based on its study and deliberations, the Commission is opposed to further construction of the project as presently designed because of the potential harm to migratory and non-migratory wildlife resources.

July 20, Gravois Mills, Millstone Lodge: New officers are Jeff Churan chairman, Richard Reed vice-chairman, Carl **DiSalvo** secretary, and John Mahaffey member.

**August 3**, Company to cease making red fence insulators that caused hummingbirds to electrocute themselves.

**August 17**, Jefferson City: Col. Robert M. Amrine, Corps of Engineers, reports on **pumpback** studies at Truman Dam, and studies conducted as a result of fish kill, March, 1982.

Commission okays trading 500 turkeys to Indiana for 1,500 ruffed grouse.

**September 14**, Jefferson City: Commission okays trading 324 turkey to Kentucky for 180 river otters.

Special Achievement Award to Conservation Agent Mikel A. Damico for rescuing residents, tourists and property during June flooding at Big Lake State Park.

Edwin H. Glaser promoted from environmental services officer to assistant director, and named legislative assistant, replacing Osal B. Capps, effective October 1, 1984.

**September 21**, Director Larry R. Gale receives Seth Gordon Award for distinguished service to conservation from International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

**September 28**, K-8 education program replaced by more up-to-date programs: Conservation Seeds (early childhood), Learning With Otis (grades 1-6), The Conservation Education Series (grades 7-12) and Conservation Frontiers (for citizens aged 8 to 80).

**September 29**, Woodson K. Woods Wildlife Area scene of first Day on the River program.

**October 3**, Russ Reagan, longtime Department photographer, succumbs to cancer.

**October 12**, Jefferson City: Richard T. Reed absent. Commission authorizes staff to seek an appropriation budget of \$69,080,411 for fiscal year 1986, including an operating budget of \$44,080,411 and a capital improvements budget of \$25,000,000.

Senator Danny Staples has introduced a Senate Joint Resolution to divert part of the conservation sales tax funds to Division of Tourism. Staff ordered to oppose this.

Mark Twain Lake is stocked with 6,732 lake sturgeon.

Kenneth Babcock named to succeed retiring Dean Murphy as Wildlife Division chief.

**October 31**, Branson area residents object to opening Canada goose season on Lake Taneycomo. They ask court for restraining order.

**November 16**, Chillicothe, Community Bank: Col. Robert M. Amrine, Corps of Engineers, sent letter saying no further pumpback testing at Truman Dam is necessary, that future operations will not include pumpback.

Commission decides to emphasize public relations in St. Louis and Kansas City metro offices.

Authorizes a conservation agents training class of 15 to begin Jan. 3, 1985.

**December 14**, Jefferson City: Richard Reed absent. Biologist Donald L. Christisen receives 40-year service award.

Department receives Outdoor Ethics Communication Award from the Izaak Walton League and Fred Bear Sports Club for multi-media show prepared by Cheryl Riley, Tom Troughton and Herschel P. Bledsoe.

ACI awards: first place for motion picture Guarding Our Living Environment, produced by Gary Griffen, Dale DeToni and Tom Troughton; second place for multi-media show Show-me Conservation produced by Barbara Bassett, Dale DeToni; first place for news program by Joel M. Vance; first place for radio program by Herschel P. Bledsoe.

Nature Conservancy Stewardship Award is presented to Biologist Thomas E. Toney for prairie management.

Society of Range Management, Southern Section, Distinguished Service Award presented to Stephen E. Clubine for promotion of warm season grasses and prairie management.

Commission okays trading 36 turkeys to Illinois for 20 river otters.

Issues statement opposing Senator Danny Staples bill to divert conservation sales tax funds to Tourism.

**December 27**, Bill Hecker of Rogersville catches record rainbow trout at Lake Taneycomo: 16 pounds, 12 ounces.

**1984 Summary:** DOC now has 200 accesses, 180 uniformed personnel in Protection.

There are 310,215 people trained in hunter safety.

Mark Twain Lake impounded 1984.

Acquisitions: Indian Creek, Hazel Hill community lakes, Mussel Fork Wildlife Area, White Ranch, Donaldson Point, Hidden Hollow state forests.

1984 ruffed grouse season: Oct. 1-Nov. 30, two birds daily, four in possession.

1984 firearms deer season: Nov. 10-18.

1984 spring turkey season: Apr. 23-May 6, in 104 counties.

1984 fall gun turkey season: Oct. 15-28 in 86 counties.

## 1985

**January 18**, Jefferson City: Two Texas County farmers complain of deer depredations, and deer hunting regulations for landowners. Commission orders staff to remain neutral on

legislation requiring firearms be cased in cars. Proposed bill to divert 25 percent of the conservation sales tax to Tourism Commission fails.

**February 15**, Kansas City, Westin Crown Center: Staff proposes a three-year program to phase in use of steel shot for waterfowl hunting to minimize risks of lead poisoning to waterfowl, eagles and other wildlife. Provisions include: steel shot requirements extended to nine additional Department areas in 1985; steel shot for all waterfowl hunting in five major zones in 1986; steel shot for all waterfowl hunting in Missouri in 1987. Commission orders plan be publicized to determine public opinion.

Okays agreement with City of Kirksville to manage Hazel Creek Lake.

Continues multiflora rose control program in Adair, Howard and Crawford counties for another year.

**March 8**, Osage Beach, Tan-Tar-A Resort: Mahaffey absent: Commission hears opponents and proponents of the steel shot phase-in program proposed in February. Commission defers action.

**March 29**, Department warns against eating fish from lower Meramec River because of chlor-dane contamination.

**April 16**, Jefferson City: Presentation of Master Conservationist Award to Dr. Thomas Baskett, long-time leader of Cooperative Research Unit.

Vern A. Mensie of Waterfowl Habitat Owners Alliance asks Department to begin a mallard hatchery program.

Commission hears requests to stop further action on steel shot use in waterfowl hunting. Commissioner Mahaffey moves to implement only Step 1 of the steel shot proposal. Commission concurs, with Churan abstaining.

Regulations Committee proposes larger any-deer quotas to alleviate deer depredation problems. Proposed bill, HJR 36, would give legislature power to invalidate rules of state agencies, but Department is exempted. (Exemption was later dropped.)

**April 22-May 5**, Spring turkey hunt sets new record; 24,772 birds taken.

**May 23**, Springfield, University Plaza Hotel: Commission passes resolution honoring broadcaster Bill Ring of Springfield for his contributions to conservation.

Okays trading 32 turkeys to Louisiana for 20 river otters.

Decides not to undertake a mallard propagation program.

Group appears complaining of decline of quail in southwest Missouri; requests a quail stocking program, using wild-trapped birds.

**June 21**, New film *The Living Landscape* is released. First time film is released also as video cassette.

**June 28**, Lake Ozark, Lodge of the Four Seasons: Commission passes resolution honoring Carl DiSalvo, retiring commissioner, and General Counsel Cyril M. Hendricks, entering private practice after ten years of service.

Approves agreement with St. Louis County Parks Department to manage three lakes for fishing: Bee Tree Lake, Sunfish Lake and Creve Coeur Lake. Approves payment to Ducks Unlimited of \$44,500 as final payment on Tatagawa Lake Project and \$18,300 as first installment on Upper Buffalo Pound Project in southeastern Saskatchewan.

Approves agreement with Corps of Engineers for Department to produce 30,000 paddlefish annually for stocking in Truman Dam area, with one-time payment to Department of \$1,854,519 to offset costs of hatchery facilities.

**July 18**, Jefferson City: New officers are Richard T. Reed chairman, John B. Mahaffey vice-chairman, Jeff Churan secretary, Carl DiSalvo member.

Commission passes resolution honoring the Conservation Federation of Missouri on its 50th anniversary.

Claims 15 island tracts in the Mississippi River totaling 1,769 acres.

Information Officer James F. Keefe reassigned as staff specialist, M. K. Johnson named acting Information officer.

Communications Contest winners are Agent Charles Maupin for radio program, Agent Gordon L. Jarvis for television program and Field Service Agent Don Smith for newspaper column.

**August 15**, Chesterfield, Doubletree Hotel: John Powell of Rolla replaces Carl DiSalvo as commissioner for a term ending July 1, 1991.

Commission establishes two zones for quail: north zone Nov. 1-Jan. 1, and south zone Nov. 10-Jan. 10, with 6 and 12 limits. Churan casts no vote.

Approves one-year leases for three accesses on Big River.

Special Achievement Award to Biologist Spencer Turner for saving a man's life using Heimlich maneuver learned at DOC course.

**August 30**, Special meeting, Jefferson City: Commission passes a regulation to comply with a federal court ruling resulting from a suit brought by National Wildlife Federation. The ruling requires steel shot for waterfowl hunting in Holt, St. Charles, Lincoln, Pike counties and the Swan Lake Zone.

Increases quail bag limits to 8 and 16 in the north zone.

**September 19**, Cape Girardeau, Holiday Inn: Commissioner Powell expresses concern about quail decline in Ozarks; asks for crash program to restore them to good population levels. Commission orders staff to develop quail restoration program.

**September 23**, Dan Sauls, former assistant director, dies.

**October 22**, Jefferson City: Mahaffey absent. Commission approves an expansion of Fisheries programs in anticipation of new Wallop-Breaux funds from federal excise taxes: \$1,745,000 in funds, 28 new positions.

Approves Settle's Ford Wildlife Area in Cass and Bates counties for the Trimble Area replacement.

St. Louis Regional Commerce and Growth Association (RCGA) proposes a one-fourth cent sales tax, combining the conservation sales tax (one-eighth) with a permanent state parks and soil erosion tax (one-tenth), and adding a tax for local parks and cultural institutions. Commission instructs director to notify the Association that it will oppose any effort to combine the conservation sales tax funds with funds for programs administered by other agencies.

Commission abolishes federal aid coordinator post; will be performed by environmental services officer.

November 16-24, Deer hunters set new record with 80,770 deer taken despite bad weather.

**November 26**, Jefferson City: Commission okays trading 36 wild turkeys to Arkansas for 20 river otters.

Accepts \$8,000 from National Wild Turkey Federation for research.

Accepts \$160,000 from Maurine Raidler Trust to buy land in memory of Dr. John A. Fuson.

**December 20**, Jefferson City: Wildlife Chief Babcock outlines proposed quail restoration program. Directed to resubmit the proposal in January based on suggestions made by Commission.

Commission encounters problems getting development jobs bid because of requirement that prevailing local wage be a part of the bids; difficult to get agreement as to prevailing local wage.

Bid let to Lehr Picture Production Co. for 28-minute white-tailed deer movie.

1985 Summary: Commission approves an appropriation budget of \$71,953,053; \$46,953,053 operating budget and \$25 million for capital improvements.

Longview Lake impounded.

Acquisitions: Settle's Ford, Bois D'Arc wildlife areas.

Payment of \$563,739.41 made to counties in lieu of taxes.

1985 firearms deer season: Nov. 16-Nov. 24, with large increase in any-deer permits.

1985 fall firearms turkey season: Oct. 14-Oct. 27.

Ruffed grouse season: Oct. 15-Dec. 18.

1985 spring turkey season: Apr. 22-May 5, statewide for the first time.

1985 fall gun turkey season: Oct. 14-27 in 86 counties.

## 1986

**January 24**, Jefferson City: Commission passes resolution honoring Leon A. Cambre, retired U. S. Forest Service supervisor, for his performance in dealing with natural resource and environmental matters.

Continues multiflora rose control program for two more years.

Approves strategy for enhancing quail population program submitted by Wildlife last month.

Information Section re-named Public Affairs.



*Nothing holds the attention of youngsters more than wildlife-and the Department's Conservation Education programs developed since 1941 have capitalized on that interest.*



*Permit sales, conducted here by Shirley Bussel, remain an important source of conservation funding.*



*Agent Steve White models the conservation agent uniform used from 1970 to 1985.*

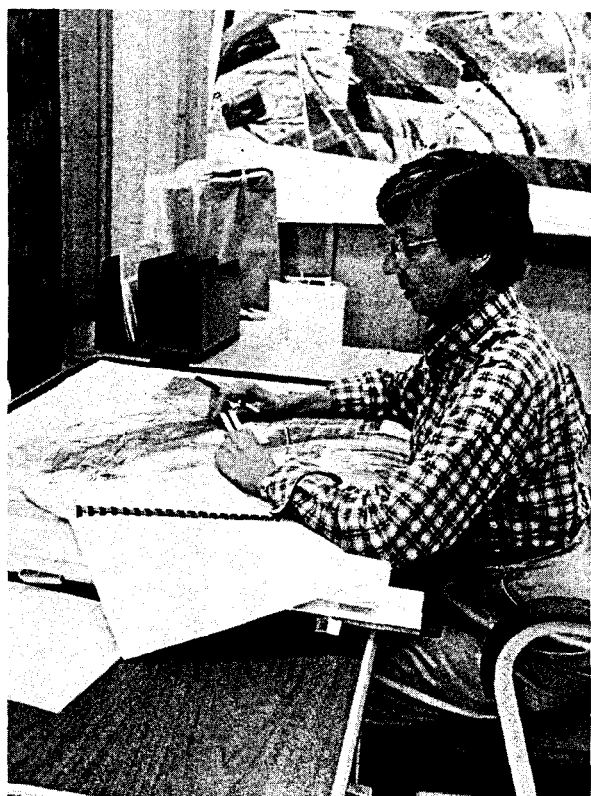




*Governor John Ashcroft greeted Otis the Conservation Mouse on his tour of the Department in the fall of 1986.*



*Mobility is one of the features of this floating photography blind, modeled by Photographer Jim Rathert.*



*New fishing lakes start on the drawing board-here in the office of Dorothy Schoech, Engineering.*



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Presents 35-year service awards to Kerwin F. Hafner, James N. Harlan and Robert B. Lipscomb.  
ACI award for multi-media show to Thomas J. Troughton.

**March 3**, J. Vernon Bennett, former chief of Protection, dies.

**March 7**, Osage Beach, Marriott's Tan-Tar-A Resort: Commission approves return to mandatory checking of archery deer and turkey kills.

Purchases 1,956-acre Apple Creek State Forest in Cape Girardeau County.

Purchases 968 acres and receives a gift of 747 acres in Pemiscot County to become Boat Club Chute Wildlife Area.

**March 28**, Ted Scott, chairman of the Citizens Committee for Conservation that put on the 1976 campaign, dies.

**April 11**, St. Louis: Mahaffey absent. Commission authorizes increasing Outdoor Skills staff by four; increases fisheries management biologists by 17.

**May 14**, Jefferson City: Presented Special Achievement awards to conservation agents Jimmy Tennyson and George Manville for saving property at a burning home in risk of their lives.

**June 13 Branson**: Commission hires Jonathan D. Powers as Public Affairs officer.

Gives Special Achievement Award to Agent Roger Peecher for saving the life of a choking man.

**July 18**, Jefferson City: New officers are John Mahaffey chairman, Jeff Churan vice-chairman, John Powell secretary, Robert Reed member.

Commission passes resolution honoring Ted Scott for his long years of service to conservation.

Accepts \$3,000 contribution from Bootheel Boss Gobblers Chapter of National Wild Turkey Federation for turkey management and research.

Accepts OWAA award for motion picture, *The Living Landscape*.

Makes Special Achievement Award to Forestry Aid Lloyd Johnston for saving an accident victim's life.

**August 15**, Sedalia: Best Western Motor Inn: Mahaffey absent. Commission approves purchase of 3,304 acres in Scotland County to become Indian Hills Wildlife Area.

**September 9**, Safety Officer James R. Watson killed while inspecting Department shooting range.

**September 19**, Jefferson City: Commission approves purchase of 1,038 acres in Audrain and Monroe counties to become Robert M. White II Wildlife Area.

Establishes closed hours from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. on a number of accesses and other areas where unauthorized uses are a problem.

Accepts a cash gift of \$72,000 and 200 acres in Crawford County from the estate of Herbert W. Mais.

Authorizes a payment of \$57,900 to Ducks Unlimited for development of the Upper Buffalo Pound Project in southeastern Saskatchewan.

Authorizes expenditure of \$783,000 over three years through the North Central Forest Experiment Station to expand and intensify the forestry inventory and analysis of Missouri.

**October 17**, Sikeston: Mahaffey absent. Commission votes to lower veterans disability license exemption from 70 percent disabled to 60 percent.

Approves new letterhead and 1987 permit design observing Department's 50th anniversary.

Authorizes construction of a 55-acre lake on Amarugia Highlands State Forest.

**November 14**, St. Louis: Approves purchase of 112-acre site in St. Louis County for a new nature center.

Accepts gift of 177 acres fronting on Lake Taneycomo in Taney County from Ralph and Virginia Lucas.

Votes to require bright yellow sticker be placed on receiver of turkey hunters shotguns as a reminder to be certain of targets.

**November 15-23**, Gun deer season harvest all-time high of 102,845 deer.

**December 19**, Jefferson City: Commission votes to require any person born after January 1, 1967, to complete a hunter safety training course in order to purchase any firearms hunting permit, to become effective January 1, 1988.

Okays trading 619 turkeys to Kentucky for 344 river otters.

Authorizes a class of 18 conservation agent trainees to begin Jan. 5, 1987.

Authorizes a pilot anti-littering campaign on four Ozark streams as a 50th anniversary project.

**1986 Summary:** Commission approves an appropriation budget for FY 1987-88 of ~~\$76,614,326~~; includes \$51,614,326 for opera-

tions and \$25 million for capital improvements.

Acquisitions: Apple Creek State Forest, Boat Club Chute, Indian Hills and Robert M. White II wildlife areas.

1986 spring turkey season: Apr. 21-May 4, statewide.

1986 fall gun turkey season: Oct. 13-26 in 89 counties, two-turkey limit for first time.

There are now 57 counties with direct permit distribution.



Office of the Governor  
State of Missouri

## Proclamation

WHEREAS, on November 3, 1936, a cold and fair day, Missourians went to the polls and created a new and nationally unique conservation system, bipartisan and constitutionally authorized; and

WHEREAS, a half century later, that system has **grown** to national stature and has brought credit to the State of Missouri by its professionalism and leadership; and

WHEREAS, Missourians deserve a superior conservation program for this is an outdoor state as proved by the fact that a fifth of the population actively hunts or fishes and many more engage in other outdoor activities; and

WHEREAS, Missourians have benefitted directly from the system they created and have supported by a restoration of the wildlife once plentiful in our lovely state, by the creation of rewarding places to go, and by many programs such as conservation education, work with endangered and rare species, outdoor ethics and safety training, access to fishing waters and nature interpretive centers: and

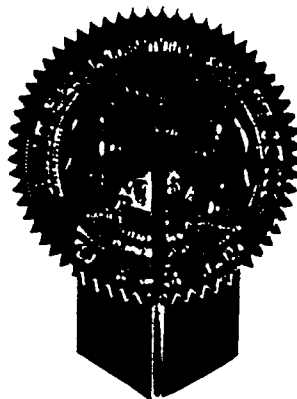
WHEREAS, a half century of conservation progress and achievement is unparalleled in the country:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN ASHCROFT, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, in recognition of fifty years of conservation achievement, do hereby proclaim November 3, 1986, as

### FIFTY YEARS OF CONSERVATION DAY

and urge my fellow Missourians to continue their support of our fine conservation program and to **enjoy** the programs and facilities they created and have supported so loyally for so long.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 12th day of September, 1986.



*John Ashcroft*  
Governor

Attest:  
*Roy D. Blunt*  
Secretary of State